

PICTURES THEORY ON FLOOD MAN

Report by Megan Archer

A RETIRED photographer may have been trying to take storm pictures when his camper van got stuck in 6m deep flood water and he drowned, an inquest heard.

Peter Harnwell, aged 82, ran into trouble when his vehicle was completely submerged in the pool of water in Rushall, with only the roof showing when emergency services arrived.

He was underwater in the van under the bridge in Lichfield Road for approximately 10 minutes while members of the public desperately tried to smash the windows and free him. Despite their efforts, and that of the police, fire service and paramedics, Mr Harnwell died less than two hours later at Walsall Manor Hospital.

Senior Coroner for the Black Country Zafar Siddique gave a verdict of misadventure.

Witnesses spotted Mr Harnwell, who lived alone in Evesham, driving his silver camper van under the bridge during a torrential rain storm back in May. The inquest heard he had driven past several warning signs, and towards an abandoned car already floating in the water.

Just after 2am on May 28, Oliver Rowan saw the van drive into the pool of water under the bridge near his home. In a statement he said: "The van was only submerged to the headlights then, and I could see him trying to steer. Then it started to tilt."

Mr Rowan and a Highways Agency worker who was with him waded into the water to help Mr Harnwell. They tried to lift the roof and smash the window with a hammer. Emergency services managed to cut a three-metre gap in the van's roof.

A firefighter then pulled out Mr Harnwell before beginning CPR.

He was pronounced dead at hospital with doctors concluding he died from drowning.

Mr Siddique said Mr Rowan should be commended for going to Mr Harnwell's aid.

He said: "It may well have been that the reason he was out that morning was to perhaps take some pictures of the storm as it unfolded."

The coroner added: "It's clear he took a calculated risk when he travelled into the water but sadly, that ultimately resulted in his death. It was an act he did intentionally but he didn't intend the outcome."

Fire chiefs have warned drivers to never enter flood water.



Rescuers at the flood site

Man fighting for his life after trouble

A MAN was taken to hospital with serious head injuries after a brawl outside a pub.

Police were called to New Road, in Willenhall, shortly after midnight on Monday to reports of a fight outside The Malthouse.

A 31-year-old was in a critical condition after the attack. The road was later cordoned off while police launched an investigation.

On Monday, a police spokeswoman said: "The area is taped off this morning as police work to gather vital evidence from the scene."

"Officers have worked through the night to secure CCTV and witness statements, but are appealing for anyone with information to come forward. If anyone was in New Road at the time and witnessed the attack, or has any information that could help the inquiry, please call police on 101 quoting log number 37 of 9/7/18."

Anne in visit to celebrate saddle trade

THE PRINCESS Royal delighted onlookers when she made a special trip to celebrate the region's saddlery trade. Well-wishers lined the street as the 67-year-old made her way to Walsall for the royal visit on Monday.

It came as representatives of the Worshipful Company of Saddlers brought guests together at Walsall College to celebrate saddlery and leather manufacture.

Princess Anne was greeted at the college's Hub, in Littleton Street, by college principal Jatinder Sharma before being quickly escorted into the building.

Donning a blue two-piece, she met with bosses behind saddlery and leather goods companies from across the region to highlight the Black Country's growth.

Mayor of Walsall Councillor Marco Longhi also joined the festivities.

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It's hot, hot, hotrods for transport show



Daniel Lewis from Walsall with his Abomination car at the transport show

Petrolheads' parade

FROM a customised fire engine to a vintage Rolls-Royce – huge crowds of petrolheads turned out for an annual Black Country car show.

Willenhall Transport Show, now in its third year, saw more than 1,500 people head along to the town's Memorial Park over the weekend.

Glorious sunshine helped draw in the crowds at Sunday's event, with more than 150 cars on display throughout the day.

This year, a downhill grass go-karting challenge took place with seven competitors taking part.

The competition, which sees racers create their very own go-kart before competing to get the fastest time, saw people young and old join in.

Organiser of the transport show,



Tony Onions from New Invention with his immaculate Cortina 1600E

Nigel Button, was delighted with how everything went.

He said: "The show went really well. It was our third annual event and was even bigger and better than last year."

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EDUCATION

Ladder School leader chosen

A PRINCIPAL Designate has been appointed for a new school set to open in Walsall in January. Chris Bury has been appointed to head up the new Ladder School which will open on the former Shannon's Mill site.

Having been a teacher for the last 10 years, Mr Bury has worked in a number of different teaching roles. Most recently he was the assistant headteacher at Kingsmead School in Hedgesford.

Chris said: "I am honoured to have been selected as the new Principal Designate of the Ladder School, this is an exciting project with values I hold very dearly to me. I think the Ladder School will provide a unique opportunity for the young people in Walsall. I am a firm believer that excellent learning starts with clear principles, if you get the little things right, everything else will fall into place and I can't wait to get started in September."

The Ladder school will provide places for 112 students and cater for young people aged between 13 and 18.



Chris Bury

BUSINESS

Poundland founder mulls firm salvage

POUNDLAND'S founder Steven Smith is considering a return to the high street with a swoop on embattled retail rival Poundworld. Mr Smith, the former Willenhall market trader who founded Poundland in 1990 with his father, is in early-stage talks about a bid to salvage part of Poundworld out of administration, say sources.

Poundworld fell into administration on June 11 and the retail chain has started closing down sales. Deloitte last week turned down a bid for Poundworld from its founder Chris Edwards, who was looking to save a raft of stores and safeguard around 3,000 jobs. Mr Smith sold Poundland to Advent International in 2002.

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Celebrities to take off for charity game



Calum Best, set for Banks's

A-LIST celebrities are set to put on their boots for a charity football match at Walsall Football Club next May. Calum Best, Liverpoolian actor Stephen Graham and former Blue singer Lee Ryan along with ex-footballers Darren Byfield and Paul Konchesky are hoping to make the first team line-up and compete to win in the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity (MAAC) Cup. More players and special guest managers will be announced in the coming months and all the proceeds will go towards MAAC. It is organised by Sel-

lebrity Soccer, and sponsored by event partner, Tile Choice. Early bird supporters can buy their match tickets until December 2018 for just £10 for adults and £5 for under-14s, and a limited number of VIP Tickets are available at £35 per person, with access to the Players' Lounge before and after the match. Super fans can also attend a celebrity player pre-match dinner on Friday May 10, with tickets from £50 per person. Limited sponsorship packages are also available. For further information on

sponsorship, contact Abbie Hawkins at Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, on 0800 840 2040. Jason Levy, for MAAC, says: "We're very excited to be working with Sel- lebrity Soccer and Walsall Football Club on this exciting event. With early bird tickets priced at just £10 each, it's a great, affordable, family day out. "We're hoping the event will raise in excess of £50,000." Tickets to watch the match are now on sale at: www.eticketing.co.uk/walsallfc/details/event.aspx?eventref=1798

Police hope to establish final hours of victim

POLICE have launched a murder investigation after a 65-year-old man was found dead at his Walsall flat.

It is thought the victim may have been dead for several days at the property in St Thomas Close, Coalpool. A post-mortem examination revealed the victim died from a 'blunt force' head injury. Neighbours raised the alarm after growing concerned as they had not seen him for several days. Officers forced their way into the flat at around 6.30pm on Friday, where they were confronted by the grisly scene. Paramedics were sent in but it quickly became clear he had been dead for a considerable time. The block of flats in the quiet cul-de-sac was cordoned off on Saturday morning as forensic teams began work at the scene. Officers were seen going door-to-door talking to neighbours as they attempted to build up a picture of what happened. They are also trawling CCTV for any clues. Detectives are keen to establish who was seen coming and going from the flats over the last week. The victim had lived at the flats for around eight years, it was said. He lived alone but was said to have 'visitors' from time to time. Anyone with information is asked to call West Midlands Police on 101.

Students 'let down' as sixth form suspended

A SCHOOL has shut down part of its sixth form with only two months' notice leaving many students devastated, unable to access similar courses.

A letter addressed to students that were going to start in September from Willenhall E-Act Academy states they have decided to 'suspend' sixth form studies for Year 12 pupils in the coming academic year.

Instead children have been offered places to join West Walsall E-Act Academy but there is concern that some curriculum preferences may not be on offer and students have been left with around two months to find somewhere else to study. A spokesman for the school said: "We have taken the difficult decision to suspend sixth form entry to new entrants in September 2018.

"This has not been taken lightly by the academy, and we have moved to secure the students affected by this decision guaranteed places at West Walsall E-Act Academy, which is located just two and half miles away from Willenhall E-Act Academy. The sixth form at West Walsall is very well placed to offer our students the subject choice and sixth form experience that will help them to take the next positive step in their careers.

"A significant change in the way government funding is allocated to post-16 providers, coupled with the small number of applicants for September 2018 entry, mean that running the sixth form in the next academic year would not provide students with the range of courses and the student experience we would wish to offer. Our careers staff continue to work closely with those students choosing to go elsewhere for their post-16 education through regular advisory and guidance sessions."

It comes as 28 Year 11 students from a year group of 166 applied for 2018 entry to the sixth form. The academy will review the suspension in October 2018.

Pupils hold court to tackle speeding



West Bromwich town lead Councillor Shirley Hosell with the children at Hamstead Primary before their kids court

DRIVERS caught speeding outside a school have been shamed into slowing down - by being hauled in front of a court of schoolchildren.

Motorists caught in an operation outside Hamstead Primary School, in Great Barr, were given the option of a fine, or face the year five pupils asking difficult questions about why they were breaking the limit. Eight drivers who were

exceeding the 20mph limit were brought before the Kids Court, where children challenged them with thought-provoking questions including "if you hurt someone while you were driving, what would their family think of you?"

Four of the drivers were educated at the roadside by the casualty reduction team at West Midlands Fire Service - and 10 drivers were

prosecuted due to excessive speeds. The highest speed recorded on the day was 35mph in a 20mph zone.

Tim Bowen, Hamstead head-teacher, added: "It's helping us to spread the message of safe driving. Our children are developing lifelong skills and positive values, displaying their understanding of citizenship and a care for the community in which they live."

'Eyesore' site homes on way

AN 'eyesore' site is set to be transformed into 30 homes after getting the green light from the council.

Walsall Borough Council's planning committee approved the plans for the development in Victoria Road Darlaston, near the town centre.

It used to be home to a multi-purpose leisure centre before it was demolished in 2009. It has remained empty since then, causing fears it may be a hotspot for fly-tipping. Under the plans, submitted by developers Mar City Homes, there will be affordable housing and 62 car parking spaces.

Ward councillor Rose Burley said: "I very much welcome the new development. It is housing that is needed. The sooner they start building, the better because the land is an eyesore."

Drivers to expect delays in village

DRIVERS can expect delays when a major road in Pelsall is closed for two weeks. Allens Lane will be shut between the junctions of Goscote Road and B4154 Walsall Road in Pelsall for water main renewal on behalf of South Staffordshire Water from July 23.

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Expansion of patient transport services

MORE patients will get transport to Walsall Manor Hospital as West Midlands Ambulance Service doubles its non-emergency fleet of vehicles and staff.

The two-year contract awarded to the service by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust will see patient journeys increase to about 22,000 a year. As part of the new contract, the service has taken on 15 extra staff as drivers and in the control room.

Around eight vehicles will transport patients to appointments and for treatments as part of the new contract. The non-emergency patient transport service (PTS) contract will come into place from this week.

Operations Manager for the Black Country Claire Jinks said: "I am particularly pleased with this contract as it expands the service we have been providing to the hospital over recent years.

"This will allow us to recruit about a dozen additional staff and we'll be increasing the number of vehicles we use too.

"For the staff, it means job security so they really are pleased about us winning the contract again.

"Because many of them have worked on the contract for a long time, they know lots of the patients really well as they see some three times a week, so it's good news for the staff and the patients."

Optician scoops platinum award

AN optician in Brownhills has been recognised for its high standards of health and safety with a prestigious award following a tough inspection.

The Specsavers store in the High Street was awarded the coveted Health and Safety Platinum 3 status for its health and safety practices following an annual inspection. Sarah Franks is the store's health and safety champion and worked tirelessly to ensure the store met all the criteria to secure the Platinum 3 recognition.

She began work at Specsavers in 2016 as an apprentice and now, aged 22, is a fully fledged optical assistant.

The award was issued by Santia, the UK's leading provider of integrated health, safety, environmental and food risk management solutions.

Vacant land move

PLANS to use a vacant piece of land as a car recovery site have been given the green light. The land, known as Focus 10 in Willenhall Lane, Bloxwich, has been vacant for some years and will be used by NSL Services.

Soft option for Glyn, back in the running



Glyn and Angie Marston after the C2C ride

VETERAN Willenhall fundraiser Glyn Marston is set to pull his running shoes on once again despite having had a knee replacement.

Glyn has maintained his fundraising with such activities as cycling but has not run in a competitive event for more than 12 years.

The 54-year-old from New Invention explained: "The 145-mile Grand Union canal race in 2006 was the last competitive event that I ran in because of a knee injury, that same injury was the reason that I had to retire from long distance and ultra

distance running and with doctors advising that I could end up in a wheelchair if I continued to run.

"I quit running and only power-walked the London marathon in 2016 wearing a gorilla and cage costume and it was great to be taking part in the London marathon one more time. Since then I have thrown myself into long distance cycling."

He recently cycled across the north of England on the C2C challenge (coast to coast from Whitehaven to Tynemouth) with his wife Angie raising hundreds of pounds for charity

Bloodwise. But he has also taken up a new sport, stand up paddle boarding (SUP) and trains with Bartley SUP club near Halesowen. He has now been persuaded to take part in a SUP/Run/Bike event taking place at Bewl Water reservoir in Kent in September.

Glyn said: "I have taken medical advice and because all these events are in and around a lake the running (3k or 6k) and cycling will off road and on soft land... no impact on my knees when running, and so I have been given the green light."

Remembrance Day cash to fund road closures

REMEMBRANCE Day parades will go ahead in Walsall with the council poised to stump up the £35,000 needed for road closures.

Organisers had said they cannot afford the costs of policing the event after West Midlands Police withdrew funding in 2016.

Walsall Council agreed to fund 30 per cent of the costs required to close roads for the parade after West Midlands Police withdrew funding in 2016 - threatening parades' future.

Organisers have since highlighted the difficulties they face in securing funding and proposals to fully fund the costs of around £4,000 from this year were set to get the green light in a Cabinet meeting held yesterday, Wednesday.

Cabinet have agreed to review the financial contribution during the course of the financial year 2019/20 in line with the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The total cost of the 10 parades in Aldridge, Walsall Wood, Brownhills, Bloxwich, Darlaston, Streetly, Pelsall, Willenhall, Short Heath and Walsall town centre would be approximately £35,000. It comes as the borough prepares to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, Deputy Leader of Walsall Council said: "It is a pledge of this administration to remove the burden of fundraising for traffic management from our local communities - we feel that local fundraising should be used, where possible, to support veterans and their families.

"This is the very least we can do as a community to remember those people who have given their lives for the freedom that we have today."

"Whilst event organisers would still have overall responsibility for their parades, with all traffic management being procured and funded by the Council, any concerns about whether parades can take place or not would be alleviated.

"The parades bring communities together and, put simply, this just seems like the right thing to do." Last year's Streetly event even had to be cancelled because the event organisers could not raise the necessary funding to pay for traffic management.

Miscellany of motors roll up at park



Visitors enjoying the sun-drenched event held on Sunday at Willenhall Memorial Park

HUNDREDS of car lovers were drawn to Willenhall over the weekend for a transport show.

There was something to suit all vehicular tastes, from vintage to customised cars at Willenhall Memorial Park on Sunday.

Organiser Nigel Button said: "There was over 150 mostly local cars being exhibited including some unusual customised cars, vintage cars and local exhibitors. We had the fire service come along who demonstrated cutting out a

crash victim." There were activities and performances going on throughout.

Among the entertainers there was a dance academy, a bhanga group and local band The Shades.

Volunteers gave up their time to help organise and clear the site afterwards and now preparations are in place for the Willenhall Lock Stock festival on September 2. For more information go to www.facebook.com/willenhalllockstock



Keith Bull from Willenhall with his Wolverhampton built Lyno Royale

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nurses snapped up at open day

MEDICS working across the region have hailed their latest open day a success. The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust's children and neonatal services hosted the open day for registered and student nurses.

Nurses got a taste for working life with the team and had the chance to be interviewed for a new job. Julie Plant, senior matron of the children's services directorate, said: "The event was a massive success.

Visitors met medics working at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital, attended training sessions and learnt more about community services provided by the trust. Chief nurse Professor Ann Marie Cannaby added: "It was great news to hear we offered 18 nurses substantive posts and we look forward to welcoming them at the Trust soon."

Plan to rebuild mosque is nearer

A MOSQUE in Walsall will be knocked down and rebuilt, under new plans put forward. The plans have been lodged by the Shah Jalal Mosque on Mount Street and have been recommended for approval by planning chiefs.

The current mosque would be demolished with a two-storey replacement to be built on the site in place of the current facility.

Documents that were submitted with the application said a new mosque was needed to be built on the site as the 'current building is not adequate and lacks modern facilities'.

Ex-patient scheme to target isolation

A SCHEME to overcome loneliness and isolation suffered by people discharged from hospitals has been launched by Sandwell Council.

The Better Care Fund is offering £350,000 to voluntary and charitable groups to provide services for older people who have left hospital and support to vulnerable people.

The report says: "The initiative will involve the provision of a number of interventions aimed at supporting people home from hospital and helping people to remain well whilst maintaining independence at home."

Indian circus show set to roll into town

AN Indian-style circus show is coming to Walsall later this month.

D & F Bros Grand Indian Circus has been created by Rhythms and Ragas.

It will be visiting Caldmore Community Gardens in Carless Street on July 21 at 1pm as part of the Black Country Touring programme. There will be a free workshop after the performance.

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Britons hiding up to £69bn in debts

NEW research suggests 16 per cent of people in the UK have debts they have hidden from their partner. Direct Line Life Insurance says an estimated 8.3 million Brits are hiding more than £69 billion of debt from loved ones.

Direct Line says the average debt hidden from a partner in the UK is £8,293, which would take about 15 weeks for the average Brit to pay off, even if committing their entire earnings to clearing the debt.

The largest number of hidden debts are on credit cards with 5.6m Brits owing an average of £2,109, or cumulatively £11.7bn, their partner doesn't know about.

Fuel prices fall below UK average

THE price for unleaded petrol and diesel in the West Midlands was below the national average last month, according to the latest AA Public Affairs fuel price report.

The region's motorists were paying 128.4p a litre (£5.83 a gallon) compared to the UK average of 128.8p (£5.85). Diesel was 131.2p per litre (£5.96) against the national figure of 131.7p (£5.98).

Nationally average unleaded prices were up 3.3p per litre and diesel by 3.4p on the month.

The South East has recorded the highest prices for unleaded at 129.5p per litre and diesel at 132.4p.

Online tribute to demolished library

THE now-demolished Birmingham Central Library has been honoured in an online tribute to Britain's lost 20th century architecture. Demolishing Modernism features 10 of Britain's most iconic lost post-war gems.

Designed by famed architect John Madin, Birmingham Central Library was the largest public library in Europe when built and was one of three Brutalist buildings in the UK identified by the World Monuments Fund in 2012 as the best of their kind.

Seaside tales return to the Black Country

A SHOW is returning for a series of performances. The Black Country Touring's Life's A Beach show was devised from stories of seaside visits gathered in the area.

See it at Caldmore Community Garden, Walsall, on August 18; YMCA, West Bromwich, August 19; Tipton Library, August 22; Thimblemill Library, August 23; and Lightwoods House, Smethwick, August 26.

Health and social care careers push

A NEW initiative has been launched to encourage more people to get into health and social care jobs. Organisations have come together to help attract more people to work in health and social care as part of a new initiative.

Walsall Health and Social Care Institute made the announcement as part of Walsall's NHS70 celebrations. The scheme aims to help guarantee

people in Walsall a job in social care once they have gained relevant qualifications and involves NHS Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, Walsall Council, Walsall College and the University of Wolverhampton.

Jatinder Sharma OBE, principal and chief executive at Walsall College,

said: "As an Outstanding provider of education and training, we are committed to ensuring individuals, businesses and our community have the skills necessary for a changing world.

"This exciting collaborative initiative will make high quality health & social care training available in Walsall, and support a sustainable labour market of skills for the sector."

Professor Simon Brake, NHS Wal-

sall CCG's chief officer, said: "We're delighted to be supporting this initiative. Helping young people to enter Walsall-based training and education, which helps them secure vital jobs here in Walsall's NHS and social care services, is essential in our endeavour to make sure that health and social services are sustainable for the next 70 years across the borough," Professor Brake added.

Record of live-saving transplant numbers

A RECORD-BREAKING number of lives were saved last year thanks to deceased organ donors in the West Midlands.

New figures from NHS Blood and Transplant reveal 29 people from the county became lifesaving deceased organ donors over the last year, helping the UK reach its highest ever number of donors.

The figures were released to mark the publication of its annual Transplant Activity Report today.

Nationally, there was a record number of donors with 1,574 people saving lives through deceased organ donation over the last year and the report reveals there is growing support for organ donation in the West Midlands and around the country.

But there is still a shortage of donors with around three people dying each day who are in need of a donated organ. There are still 306 people from West Midlands County on the transplant waiting list and a donated organ is the last and only hope for many.

In Sandwell there are 45 people on the waiting list, while there are 31 in Dudley, 30 in Walsall, and 18 in Wolverhampton.

Sally Johnson, Director of Organ Donation and Transplantation for NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "We are incredibly grateful to all the families in the West Midlands who have chosen to say 'yes' to organ donation. We know many families feel a sense of pride and comfort from their decision to save lives through organ donation. We want more people to have that opportunity."

To join the NHS Organ Donor Register visit www.organdonation.nhs.uk

Four-day shops raid spree gang locked up

Report by John Scott

TWO men involved in a four-day spate of armed robberies at convenience stores in the West Midlands and Staffordshire have been jailed for a total of more than 20 years.

Edwin Poole, aged 27, used a crowbar wrapped in a bin liner to bludgeon shop staff, while Darren Morris, 37, stole cigarettes, alcohol and a till, a judge heard.

Thousands of pounds of goods and cash were stolen during the January 17-20 spree, fuelled by drink and drugs, at Price Busters in Short Heath Road, Erdington, Yardley Newsagents in Church Road, Nisa in Lichfield Road, Rushall and Muckley Corner Service Station, Lichfield.

Three shopkeepers were badly hurt by Poole, whose partner Jane Pye, acted as the BMW getaway driver on three of the raids, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. It heard Morris also struck alone at the BP Service Station in Chester Road, Chemsley Wood but was run over - probably deliberately - while escaping, losing a cap and shoe which led to his arrest.

On January 20, Morris and Poole stole £100 worth of goods from BP Express in Penn Lane, Wylde Green, four hours before they and Pye were arrested in her BMW outside the home in Heathmere Drive, Solihull where she and Poole lived.

Pye turned to drink and drugs when she lost her father and began living with convicted criminal Poole, said Mr Simon Hunka, defending. She recruited Morris of Carters Road, Hockley.

All three admitted armed robbery. The two men further pleaded guilty to possession of an imitation firearm and theft. Poole was jailed for 10-and-a-half years, Morris for 10 years and Pye for six years.

Pile-up sparks 13-mile tailbacks on M6



Four of the vehicles involved including one which was forced up onto the roof of a car behind. Picture: @CMPG MOTORISTS faced long rush-hour delays on the M6 after a crash closed two lanes.

The crash, believed to involve three cars and a van, happened on the southbound carriageway on Monday.

Police said drivers and passengers had suffered 'minor injuries' in the smash.

It took place between Junction 6 for the Aston Expressway and Junction 5 for Castle Bromwich.

Queues stretched back up to 13 miles from the scene.

Long queues of around 90 minutes were expected on traffic heading back towards Junction 10A for the M54.

Highways England tweeted: "Emergency Services

working at the scene. Please approach with care, severe delays on the approach."

Traffic was only running at an average of between 4mph and 11mph on the stretch from J10 southbound to J7 for Great Barr.

It is thought the crash happened shortly before 7am.

The crash had forced the closure of two lanes although police and highways officers were able to reopen another lane by 8.15pm.

Highways officers also reported a breakdown which added to queues at Great Barr and a minor collision close to J10.

Knife-wielding thug in raid

THIS is the shocking moment a thug brandished a knife in front of a terrified shop worker during a raid. CCTV shows the knifeman burst into the shop in Walsall while his accomplice kept watch.

Footage filmed him behind the counter wielding the knife and snatching cigarettes from shelves.

Police are appealing for information after the raid at Boozeland, in Bloxwich Road, at 10.30pm on June 24. A 51-year-old man was arrested in connection with the raid and released while inquiries go on. Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers, 0800 555 111.



CCTV of the raid

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Stabbings lead to sale of kitchen knives halt

POUNDLAND has stopped selling kitchen knives at all of its West Midlands stores following a series of stabbings. The Midlands-based discount retailer said the decision to take knives off the shelves of 59 shops was in response to 'colleague and community concern' over knife crime.

The Black Country has been rocked by a spate of stabbings in recent months, sparking calls for tougher measures around the sale of knives. Fifteen-year-old Keelan Wilson was stabbed to death in Merry Hill, Wolverhampton, in May. A man was then left with serious injuries in a machete attack in the Heath Town area of the city.

James Brindley, aged 26, was killed as he walked home from a night out in Aldridge last year, weeks before 24-year-old Ryan Passey was knifed in the Chicago's nightclub in Stourbridge.

It comes after Poundland removed knives from its stores in London in April. The company said it planned to stop the sale of knives at all UK and Ireland stores by autumn. Retail director Austin Cooke said: "The decision to stop selling kitchen knives not only in the West Midlands, but nationwide, is a commitment we know means a lot to both our colleagues and our customers."

"The safety of our colleagues and customers is crucial."

30 homes plan gets green light

AN 'eyesore' site is set to be transformed into 30 homes after getting the green light from the council.

Walsall Borough Council's planning committee approved the plans for the development in Victoria Road Darlaston, near the town centre.

It used to be home to a multi-purpose leisure centre before it was demolished in 2009. It has remained empty since then, causing fears it may be a hot spot for fly-tipping.

Under the plans, submitted by developers Mar City Homes, there will be affordable housing and 62 car parking spaces.

Ward Councillor Rose Burley said: "I very much welcome the new development. It is housing that is needed in the locality."

Beer has bounce

A NEW summer beer has been launched by a Walsall brewery. Project Beachball is a 4.7 per cent strength fruity pale ale. It has been created by the team at Backyard Brewhouse in Brownhills.

Pals go Full Monty for charity calendar



Baring all – the calendar crew

FLASH bang wallop, what a picture – although this brave group of models were doing their best NOT to flash as they posed for a charity calendar in various states of undress.

With balls and boxing gloves strategically placed to hide their modesty, a group of family and friends stripped off to raise funds for cancer research.

The photo shoot took place at Bilston Labour Club. Lisa Owen – or Miss August – said: "There was no trouble finding volunteers when people found out what it was for but when the time came, they weren't so

enthusiastic. Most of us had never stood semi-naked in front of each other and some found it more difficult than others."

Lisa, a 41-year-old debt recovery officer for Wolverhampton City Council, said her husband Nick helped to get the picture session under way.

"He came along from work in his lunch hour so didn't have a lot of time. He just said 'Come on lads, get your kit off' and started kicking a football around."

The game volunteers, who included three married couples, were per-

sueded to bare all by main organiser Andrea Deakin who was inspired to raise money for Cancer Research UK after her mother died of brain cancer. Others in the friendship group have also lost loved ones to the disease.

It took months to get all 11 volunteers together in the same room at the same time but now the calendar has gone to print and should be available for sale next month for sale. They feature a model for each month with an ensemble shot for December. One hundred copies, at £7.95 each, have been ordered.

Village ban for families' feud men after violence

EIGHTEEN men from two feuding families have been banned from entering a village after violence broke out at its carnival.

The men, aged between 18 and 48, have been served with injunctions stopping them from going to Pelsall for three years.

The orders secured by West Midlands Police came after trouble flared on Norton Road at last July's carnival, before the latest carnival, which was held on Saturday.

West Midlands Police said the men, from Coalpool in Walsall, Stonnall near Walsall Wood and Rushall, are suspected of involvement in a series of violent disorders in the area.

They are also thought to be behind criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. Eight of the men received full injunctions granted on June 15. They are for Lee Hickinbottom aged 43, from Coalpool; Liam Hickinbottom, 25, from Coalpool; Paul Halls, 27, from Coalpool; Dale Halls, 27, from Coalpool; Regan Halls, 18, from Coalpool; Jake Hurst, 30, from Stonnall; Michael Walker, 37, from Coalpool; Scott Bannister, 28 from Coalpool.

Interim civil injunctions have been granted against Andrew Betteley, 53, from Rushall and eight men who cannot be named at this time for legal reasons.

It means they cannot contact members of the opposing family and their associates, be in possession of weapons, enter various exclusion zones within the borough, including Pelsall, and, for some, enter some pubs.

Ch Supt Andy Parsons said: "We applied for these injunctions following a series of violent incidents in Bloxwich, Pelsall and the surrounding areas. They will have a significant impact for residents of Walsall as these feuding families have been involved in anti-social behaviour for a number of years."

"Some are suspected of involvement in a series of violent disorders and the injunctions will assist us in addressing the behaviour of people who seek to cause harm in our communities."

Anyone with information on crime in their area is urged to contact their local neighbourhood team on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Pupils net a sports star as Beth visits



Beth Cobden back at Five Ways Primary School in Cannock with the current crop of players

NETBALL gold medalist Beth Cobden returned to her primary school to give an inspirational speech about her Commonwealth Games success. The 25-year-old spoke with students at Five Ways Primary School in Cannock and led a netball training session.

She also showed off her gold medal which she won with Eng-

land during the Commonwealth Games in Australia back in April.

Beth, who grew up in Heath Hayes and now lives in Lichfield, said: "It was really nice to go back and inspire some of the kids."

"I talked about my experiences and success during the tournament. I showed them a clip of the dying seconds of our final game

before we won gold." Beth was part of the school's netball team as a pupil and was coached by Rachel Mander who is now the headteacher. Mrs Mander said: "We are extremely proud to be associated with Beth."

Cobden is now gearing up to take part in the netball World Cup with England next year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Five neighbours win £1,000 each

FIVE people in Rowley Regis woke up to the fantastic news that they have won a £1,000 prize each, thanks to playing the People's Postcode Lottery.

The Wadham Close neighbours scooped the cash when their postcode, B65 9SH, was drawn as a Daily Prize winner last Tuesday. A minimum of 32 per cent of ticket sales goes directly to charities, and players of People's Postcode Lottery have raised £310 million to date. The Friendship Club is one good cause close to the winners that players have supported.

The group received £1,440 last year to buy equipment to teach elderly disabled people how to use tablets.

Metro extension first tracks laid

THE first pieces of the new Metro track in Wolverhampton are being laid, marking a major milestone in the multi-million pound project.

Workers have put down 36 metres of track along Pipers Row, forming a route that will take the Metro to stops at both the bus station and the city railway station. Drivers have faced months of disruption since the busy Pipers Row was shut in March.

The event was marked by Councillor Roger Lawrence, leader of Wolverhampton Council, who said: "This is a sign of the progress the scheme is making and people can see how it is now that much closer."

Summer seaside show returns

BLACK Country Touring's Life's A Beach show is returning this summer. The show was devised from stories of seaside visits gathered in the area and was first staged last summer.

It will be at Caldmore Community Garden, Walsall, on August 18; YMCA, Caters Green, West Bromwich, August 19; Tipton Library, August 22; Thimblemill Library, August 23; Midland Arts Centre, Birmingham, August 24 and 25 and Lightwoods House, Smethwick, August 26.

It uses three caravans – each one a specially created performance space.

Sampson set to wow audiences at hall

STREET dancer George Sampson, who won Britain's Got Talent a few years ago with his stunning 'Singing in the Rain' routine, heads a fabulous cast for a production of Rapunzel at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall.

The summer panto is on a nationwide tour and will be performing at the Upper Clifton Road venue on Saturday.

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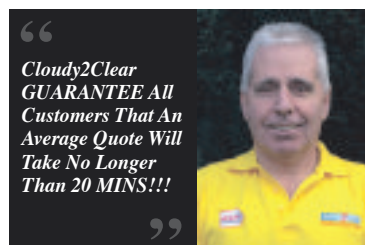
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Not really a sharp move by chiefs at Poundland

SOME things defy belief. The Black Country based discount chain Poundland has announced it will stop selling kitchen knives by autumn over concerns about knife crime. Certainly knife crime is a serious matter, but will this really help?

Presuming that we are still going to be allowed to eat in 21st century Britain, then people are going to need kitchen knives. Not just gangsters and hoodlums, but ordinary people too, for cutting up food and things like that. We all need them.

Maybe this is the beginning of a sea-change in the way we buy household cutlery. Perhaps in future people will have to provide ID and register their details with the local police station before buying a bread knife or a butter spreader. But that wouldn't work as most of our police stations have closed.

Hopefully, other retailers will take a more pragmatic approach, and continue to stock kitchen knives, meaning we can continue to eat food without having to tear it apart like wild beasts. But that means the bad guys will still be able buy knives as well, just from different retailers.

Now, I'm all in favour of banning these horrible combat and "zombie" knives which cause so much misery, but kitchen knives? Really?

As far as I can see, there are two explanations. The one is that Poundland believes its customers are more likely to be involved in crime than the much nicer people who buy their knives elsewhere. The other is that it's just a bit of hollow virtue-signalling.

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MEANWHILE, Sandwell Council has come up with an innovative approach to tackling speeding drivers.

Motorists caught speeding outside Hamstead Junior School in Great Barr were given the choice of paying a fine, or being lectured by a group of 11-year-olds. Personally, I don't think this goes far enough. Why not do it properly and stick them in stocks in the playground, so the kids can throw school dinners at them?

While speeding outside a school is clearly irresponsible, this does seem a rather immature response. Two questions spring to mind: How much had the teachers 'coached' the children in what to say to the drivers, and what time did the transgressions occur? The worst offender was clocked at 35mph, which might well be dangerous when hundreds of children are crossing the road, but far less so when they are safely tucked away in assembly. Incidentally, Hamstead Junior School recently suspended two pupils for bringing 'large knives' into school. Maybe it has bigger things to worry about?

Grommets – and what we hear about them now



NHS founder Aneurin Bevan – spell-check for "Aneurin" suggests "unerring"



Monty Don – count the trowels hanging on the wall. There are nine of them



Tony Hancock – the forgotten comedian? But that's the way fame goes

'Miracle cure' that is now deemed risky

THE list of 17 procedures to be rationed by the NHS include ear grommets. I recall a persistent rumour from years ago that grommets, to fix a mysterious condition called glue ear, had been introduced chiefly to provide employment for ENT (ear, nose and throat) consultants who no longer removed adenoids or tonsils. We were told that grommets were a miracle cure. Now we are told they are among the procedures deemed unnecessary, ineffective or risky. Very odd.

AFTER a recent item on the obesity issue in Tredegar, home town of the NHS founder Aneurin Bevan, a reader suggests the NHS could launch fight-the-flab walking classes, to be named Tread Eager. Fans of Bevan will not be surprised that my computer spell-check for "Aneurin" suggests "unerring."

A COMMONS committee warns MPs that using Twitter is like "dipping their private parts in honey and exposing them to angry bees." Oh, please don't put ideas into their heads.

STILL dithering over having a tattoo? A heat-wave reveals millions of them, on show from dawn to bedtime, and the ravages of the years. Those once-pert rosebuds on a shoulder now look like enormous tumours and those elegant lizards on the leg are giving a fine impression of varicose veins. Think on.

THE RSPCA is among organisations which called for a sky-lantern festival in the tinder-dry Peak District to be cancelled. While they are at it, they might ask the organisers to tone down the advertising. In its publicity bumph, The Lights Fest invokes the words of Martin Luther King: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light

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can do that." I'm not entirely sure the US civil-rights legend was talking about flying naked flames over moorland in high summer. But, hey, why stop the advertising slogans at Dr King? Jesus said all sorts of stuff about light. Get Him on the posters, too.

GOOD old Auntie Beeb. England beat Colombia, the nation rejoiced and The World Tonight (Radio 4) took the view that the big story of the evening was the retirement age of judges in Poland being lowered from 70 to 65. Finger on the pulse, eh?

WHEN the authorities say the risk of nerve-agent poisoning in the Salisbury area is very low, does anyone seriously believe they know what they are talking about?

IN one Damon Runyon short story, the cops raid a bar and the gangsters hide all their guns in the pockets of an innocent customer, Tobias Tweeney. He is hauled before the court and becomes an instant Underworld hero, Twelve-Guns Tweeney. I am reminded of Tobias every time I see Monty Don in his potting shed in Gardener's World (BBC1). Count the trowels hanging on the wall. There are nine of them. Nobody needs that many. Who do ya think you're kidding, Nine-Trowels Monty?

A POSTER used by Adelaide University in Australia shows a group of five women apparently listening while the sole man in the group

is talking. This, as the BBC reports, has led to complaints of "mansplaining." The problem with reporting anything involving this concept is that at some stage in your report you have to explain what mansplaining is, for the benefit of thickos who don't know.

SO at the end of its report, the BBC tells us: "Mansplaining is when a man explains an issue to a woman in a manner regarded as condescending or patronising." I wonder how many women (or men) felt patronised by the BBC report. Now we all have something new to take offence about: Beebsplaining.

OH, the irony. Back in the 1960s President de Gaulle of France repeatedly blocked Britain's attempts to join the Common Market. Fifty-odd years on, Barnier is just as intransigent. It seems that when it comes to Europe, whether we try to get in or try to get out, the road is blocked by some bloody-minded Frenchman saying: "Non."

MALADIES for our time. After heat exhaustion and sunstroke, watch out for a national epidemic of sunfreeze. A reader turned up for a meeting one hot day in shorts, only to be half-chilled to death by the air-conditioning.

WHEN millennials take over. Private Eye spotted a promotion penned by some bright young thing on The Independent's website concerning "the forgotten British comedian who paved the way for Alan Partridge and David Brent". The forgotten comedian? Tony Hancock. But that's the way fame goes. We now have a generation of nurses who, when you are giving blood and quip in a jocular sort of way: "A pint? Why, that's very nearly an armful!" just look blank.

TALKING POINT



Ideas flow in the heat of battle to save water

IT'S a no-win situation – bitter cold, windy and wet, people complain; heat-wave, people still complain.

I bumped into a woman shopping last week who said she could no longer stand the heat. I was sympathetic as it is very difficult to work outside when it is so hot, until she said she had been sitting in her garden reading. I suggested she maybe could move into the shade. Oh no, too much of an effort! Unbelievable.

Personally I love the sunshine but painting benches in the garden the other day I will admit that I was sweating – sorry glowing, not too gently – at the end of it.

That day I had to deliver some items to friends and on the way could hear the sound of – despite pleas to limit water usage – a power washer.

Yes, they do use a lot of water, but on my return journey hours later it was still in use. Heaven knows how much water that must have used and yet people are urged not to fill up paddling pools even though they must take a fraction of the amount used for cleaning a patio, which surely could wait until the weather cools down.

And England fans take note. We may have enjoyed more success than Germany in this World Cup, but we're still lagging behind them at saving water.

In this country our average water usage per person per day is 140 litres. Germany's is 120 litres, while Belgium is even more efficient, using only 107 litres a day.

With the country basking in the hottest June for 40 years, the demand for water increased massively.

Water saving tips include putting away garden sprinklers – they can use as much as 1,000 litres of drinking water in one hour, which is more water than a family of four normally use in a whole day – and instead of having a bath, take a shower, which uses 40 fewer litres of water and it's quicker, which means you can get back to watching the football sooner!

And one tip from Severn Trent, which for some reason appeals to me, is to ditch chores like washing the car and make sure there's enough water to go round for everyone, especially during mornings and evenings when demand is much higher than normal.

If paddling pools put increased demand on water supplies, don't let the little ones miss out on fun in the sun – why not give them a bucket of water and a water pistol instead to keep them entertained.

On a final note, if everyone could just use around 20 litres less each it would make a massive difference to our water supplies. And in that way you can keep what matters most hydrated – you and your family.

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No evidence on claims over costs

IN the Chronicle of June 21 Alan Davis states that membership of the EU's single market and customs union has damaged our economy by £2 trillion over the last 45 years, and will cause a further £1 trillion loss over the next 10 years if nothing changes. He gives no evidence or sources for this claim. It disagrees with the Government's own figures, as commissioned by the Department for Exiting the EU.

Their leaked report predicts that our economic growth after Brexit will be reduced by anything between two per cent and eight

per cent depending on the type of Brexit. So it's leaving the EU that will cost us money.

This is also the view of the vast majority of economists, the Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the CBI.

The Bank of England says the Brexit vote has cost Britain more than £440 million per week in lost growth ever since the referendum. On 2nd July this totalled over £46 billion, equal to 26 new hospitals or 3,099 new trains.

JUDITH KING
(Name and address supplied)

History of orchestra put right

IN the Walsall Chronicle of June 28 there was an item on Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra appearing in Lichfield.

It is stated that Dr Mike Ruddick MBE founded the orchestra.

This is NOT the case. Mike became MD in 1981 but the orchestra had been in existence for many years by then.

Several people were involved in its creation, including the late Roger Siviter who, for many years was the orchestra's improvisation tutor.

The founder MD was Mike Beaumont who also designed the MYJO logo.

I have an MYJO album in my collection, recorded in early 1973 which features the late Roger Siviter, the late Mike Burney and Brian Newton.

I'm sure Mike Ruddick will be only too pleased to acknowledge Mike Beaumont's contribution to the early development of MYJO.

PHIL HOLME MBE
(one time musician!)
(ED: Thanks Mr Holme.)

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Social care crisis won't be solved any time soon

WITH the delay of the Green Paper on social care until the autumn, the 1.2m people currently living without the care they need have again been betrayed.

As the Green Paper will be merely the start of the process, it is likely to be well into 2019 or even beyond before we see any efforts to tackle the social care crisis.

And in that time more care homes will close, more home care providers will stop delivering contracts and more and more people will stop getting the support

they rely upon. Just another sad and dismal chapter in the history of social care.

Wonderful news for the NHS with an extra £20bn heading its way, but unless it is matched by better support for social care, it will be a waste of time. In 1997, Tony Blair said he didn't want children "brought up in a country where the only way pensioners can get long-term care is by selling their home". Some 21 years later, things have only got worse.

ALAN DAVIS
Darlaston

Emergency of potholes

DESPITE the record summer heat our potholes will not have melted into a new road surface. The heat will have opened new road surface splits and added to 'Beast from the East's' winter ravages.

Investment and more immediate repair to potholes and road surfaces is more effective when done from local highways teams. Darlaston and our west localities require a base for highways, clean and green and environmental health. Central systems have not been kind to our area.

Huge profits are being made by insurance companies on the poor state of our roads. We pay out on higher insurance policies, higher council tax and on vehicle repairs generally. Potholes and poor road surfaces are fast becoming a national emergency.

CLLR DOUG JAMES
Walsall

Moor fires not due to Brexit!

I HEARD on the radio an 'expert' assuring us that the reason for the fire on Saddleworth Moor is global warming.

What absolute poppycock the fire happened, maybe caused by a discarded cigarette end or barbecue or by the sun's rays being intensified by a discarded glass bottle. We don't need an 'expert' coming up with somewhat fanciful theories to fit an event. I suppose we ought to be grateful that, this time at least, Brexit hasn't been blamed.

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'Horrrifying' figures on booze-link liver disease

HOSPITALS across the Black Country and Staffordshire treated more than 450 patients for alcohol-related liver disease last year, new NHS figures have revealed.

They represent a 35 per cent increase in the illness over the last five years and have led to calls for setting a minimum price per unit of alcohol to curb problem drinking.

By Peter Madeley

Accident & Emergency teams in Wolverhampton treated 109 patients for booze-fuelled liver disease last year – a rate of 52 for every 100,000 people and 75 per cent up from 2012. The rate for the whole of England is 26 for every 100,000 people.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group treated 165 patients, while in Walsall A&E teams treated 79.

A total of 86 patients were treated for alcohol-related liver disease at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, and the Stafford and Surrounds Clinical Commissioning Group saw 21 patients, according to the figures.

Professor Roger Williams, director of the Institute of

Hepatology, said the statistics for England were 'horrrifying' and proposed setting a minimum price per unit of alcohol to reduce cases of liver disease.

"Liver disease is the only exception to the improvement over the past years in life expectancy for chronic disorders such as strokes, heart disease and many cancers," he said.

Mortality rates have increased by around 600 per cent in the last 50 years, due to a nationwide increase in alcohol consumption which experts say is linked to a reduced cost of booze in shops.

He added: "Setting a minimum alcohol price is a highly effective way of dealing with the problem."

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£4.5m upgrade work at academy ploughs on

WORK is under way on the latest phase of a £4.5 million makeover at a Walsall school.

Builder Wakemans is on-site overseeing the latest stage of work to upgrade facilities at Joseph Leckie Academy in Walstead Road West, Walsall, which has around 1,300 pupils.

Wakemans previously delivered the first phase of work on the school's ambitious improvement programme and is acting as quantity surveyor on behalf of architect Seymour Harris.

Following an award of nearly £4m from the Education Funding Agency, existing school buildings fronting Walstead Road are being demolished and will be replaced with a two-storey structure featuring modern, energy-efficient heating, lighting and ventilation systems. The new accommodation will provide teaching rooms and learning support/special educational needs.

Entrance

The Sixth Form study facilities will also be improved, along with the school's Information and Communications Technology (ITC) capabilities, and a learning resource centre will be created.

As well as the 14 classrooms, the second phase of development works involves construction of administrative offices and a new entrance/foyer and reception areas. Extensive landscaping is set to provide social areas with seating, multi-use game areas and a running track. Gerard Belfield, senior quantity surveyor at Wakemans, said: "This latest investment will make a huge difference."

Phase 2 of the works started in January and is scheduled for completion by March next year.



The £4.5 million upgrade at Joseph Leckie Academy in Walsall

James killer appeal quashed

A THUG who was jailed for murdering fitness instructor James Brindley as he walked home from a night out lost an appeal against his sentence.

Ammar Kahrod, aged 18, stabbed James Brindley to death only a few hundred metres from the victim's parents' home in Aldridge, Walsall, in June last year. A Birmingham Crown Court jury convicted the teenager of murder in February, detained for life

and ordered to serve a minimum of 17 years behind bars.

In court last Wednesday Kahrod's lawyers fought for a cut in the term, but senior judges ruled the term was justified for a murder committed by an offender who had taken a knife onto the streets. Lawyers had claimed that he had not intended to kill Mr Brindley and the confrontation itself was not premeditated.



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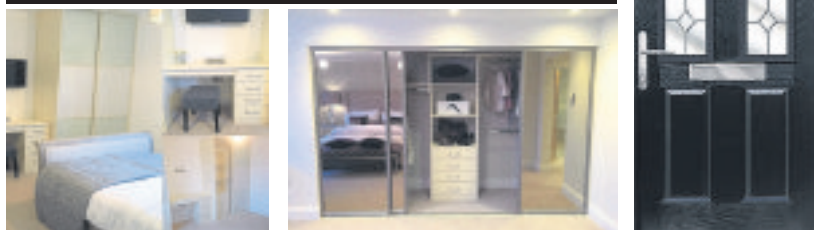


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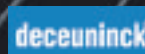
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Pupils in awe of centenarian Jack

A SECOND World War veteran from Walsall went back to school on his 100th birthday.

Jack Cope, from Walsall, was invited to Rushall Primary School to talk to pupils about his long life – which he put down to cold water and Imperial Leather Soap. He delighted youngsters with tales of horses and carts, and a childhood with no electricity.

Granddaughter Rebecca Hadley, who is the assistant headteacher at the school, said it was a joy to have her relative visit for his big day. She said: "We talked about his life and what had changed. They were using horse and carts when granddad was born. He was in his fifties when he had his first car. There was no electricity and definitely no internet."

"He was 39 when he got his first house phone – and of course the children couldn't believe that because they all have their own smartphone."

Born and bred in Walsall, he was a gunner and signaller in the Second World War. He turned to a carpentry



Jack Cope, holding great-granddaughter Freya, at Rushall Primary

when he returned home and helped build houses still standing today in Sutton Coldfield and Walsall. In 1948, he married Doris, who died in 2007.

The pair had one daughter, Linda, who was born in 1956. Mr Cope also has two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Gutted! Shock as minibus is stolen from outside church

A CHURCH community has been left shocked after its minibus was stolen.

Excel Church in Bilston, Wolverhampton, is believed to have been targeted by thieves on the evening of July 2.

The vehicle was taken from the church car port at the rear of the building. The minibus was bought by a member of the congregation last year after £10,000 was raised by the pub-

lic to invest in the community. It was used for free pick-ups and drop-offs for youth and children's clubs, as well as helping to transport a disabled group.

Church Pastor Dek Dudfield said: "I'm absolutely gutted. I arrived and saw the gates wide open and the padlock was gone. I went round the back where we keep the bus and it was gone, I couldn't believe it."

"We use it for so many different events and for bringing people to church. Everyone will have to chip in

and volunteer cars to allow people to get around. It'll disrupt so many of our programmes."

Police confirmed the van had been taken sometime between 10am on July 1, and 8.15am on July 3.

Anyone with information is asked to call West Midlands Police on 101 quoting crime reference 20WV/148523Y/18.

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Sponsored by ClassicLine Insurance, Walsall Classic Motor Show is now celebrating its 28th year, and a year's free car insurance is up for grabs.

The prize draw will be one of many highlights at the event which will see up to 500 vehicles on display, including pre and post war classics and commercial vehicles of yesteryear, at the Walsall Arboretum Extension.

There is also an interactive arena providing entertainment all day, including the famous decibel duel, plus autojumble and trade stands.

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Ian added: "ClassicLine Insurance loves classic cars so The Walsall Classic Motor Show is a great opportunity to meet new and existing customers,



Some of the commercial vehicles which were on display at a previous event



Classic cars from all eras will be on show again in the Arboretum Extension

as well as fellow enthusiasts, in the beautiful surroundings of Walsall Arboretum. It promises to be a fantastic day out."

There is free car parking for the Walsall Classic Motor Show and dogs

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Appeal on death linked to asbestos

THE widow of a factory worker who died from an asbestos-related cancer is appealing for former colleagues to help her find out how her husband came to be exposed to the deadly substance.

Michael Davies, of Cannock, died in October aged 74, a month after being diagnosed with the lung disease mesothelioma.

The terminal illness takes decades to develop following exposure to harmful asbestos. Her husband, known as Mick, started work at typewriter firm Smith Corona in West Bromwich.

He worked as part of the maintenance team as an apprentice, mainly on welding, until around 1965. Wife Patricia said: "This terrible illness took him so very quickly. I would really like answers as to how Mick came to develop this dreadful illness."

Originally British Type-writers Limited, operating out of the Salter factory on Thomas Street, the business moved to Birmingham Road, West Bromwich, shortly before they were acquired by Smith Corona Marchant.

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Inspirational Gill gets prize for cancer work

A VOLUNTEER of 22 years has received a Macmillan Cancer Support award in recognition of her support for people living with cancer.

Gill Beasley, of Walsall, won the regional Richard Hambro Award which is given in recognition of a volunteer who demonstrates strong leadership qualities by inspiring other volunteers.

It's also judged on an ability to be an outstanding motivator who guides other volunteers to deliver high impact care for Macmillan in the local community.

Her fundraising efforts began in 1996 when she held her first Macmillan coffee morning three weeks after her daughter, Rachel, died and she raised more than £500. She went on to become chair of the Walsall Macmillan Fundraising Committee for 20 years.

Gill said: "It is good that the charity recognises the work we volunteers do. However, what I have achieved would not happen without my wonderful team of committee members and loyal friends. I always say, when one door closes another opens. It may be hard to take those first steps after the loss of a loved one but for me volunteering has opened up another life of fulfilment."

Gill has previously received the Douglas Macmillan Award from Macmillan, and she has also received a citizen award for Walsall. She was also nominated by Macmillan to visit Buckingham Palace to meet 10 members of the Royal family, including the Queen.

Hannah Fahy, from Macmillan, said: "I nominated Gill because she is a truly inspirational leader. Gill has volunteered with Macmillan for over 20 years and in that time has motivated and inspired so many people."



Gill Beasley and Hannah Fahy, regional fundraising manager for Macmillan

Blackspot dog walker hurt

A MAN suffered serious injuries after being hit by a car at an accident blackspot while out walking his dog.

The crash happened on the A34 Walsall Road, in Great Barr, near The Towers pub at around 7.40am last Wednesday. The dog walker, a 26-year-old man, has potential life changing injuries. His dog was also injured and has been taken to a vet.

The man was given pain relief and

taken to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital for further treatment.

Traffic built up on the stretch between the Scott Arms junction and Perry Barr in the aftermath as the road remained partially closed for several hours. The A34 has been the scene of several serious and fatal accidents over the years. Lloyd Reeves, aged 74, was killed after being hit by a motorbike on the A34 last December.



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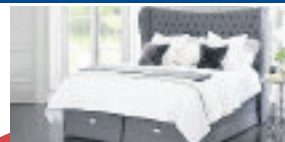
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Back in the day, Jamie Lambert used to drive past the Royal Albert Hall and the London Palladium and dream. He was working part-time in the finance department of Barts Health NHS Trust, in London, and looking for a break.

And while he hoped he might one day sing at such incredible venues or enjoy chart success, he realised it wasn't sensible to bank on that.

And then his life changed.

He became friends with Matt Pagan and the two of them used social media to find three other singers to complete the Collabro line-up. They gigged at a pub near London Bridge and decided to audition for Britain's Got Talent, figuring they had nothing to lose.

A month after forming, they found themselves singing for Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams. Their rendition of Stars, from Les Miserables, earned them a standing ovation.

Four months later, they appeared on BGT's live final – and won by a landslide with more than a quarter of the vote. Things have never been the same since. They signed a million pound record deal and their debut album went to number one. They headlined the London Palladium and sold 50,000 tickets for their tour, as well as joining Cliff Richard on his major headline tour of the UK.

Jamie says it's been a whirlwind. "It's been fabulous. I loved working at Barts but Collabro has changed my life dramatically and sometimes it's a bit weird to drive past where I used to work. It's been four years now and we've just announced the fourth major tour and fourth album."

That tour will visit Birmingham's Symphony Hall on April 15 and Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on April 16 next year – before they return to the Albert Hall a few days later.

Prior to that, they'll play Telford's The Place In The Park Festival on August 16 and then support Barry Manilow at Birmingham's Arena on September 4. It's a busy old year.

"We have a very dedicated fan base and we're gigging throughout the year. The people who follow us feel very much like fans for life; it's almost like a family. The fans are very much valued.

"From our perspective, we hope to keep going for a long time. We each have our own little bits outside the band and do separate pantos but then we get back together to do these epic 50-date tours."

Jamie keeps his feet on the ground and doesn't forget how fortunate the band are. One minute he was working in the NHS – within a month or so he was on TV for the start of an incredible ride.

"We are privileged to have been going for four years. Last year we released our own album and it still got into the top 10 and when it comes to touring we're doing more tickets than ever before. We're having to look forward for about a-year-and-a-half.

"We work and arrange our own stuff. We still perform to tens of thousands of people all the time and there is a degree of pride in how things have gone. We've always worked to bring



On a song – Collabro will be appearing in Telford in August

musical theatre to more people – that was our aim when we did BGT. By combining musical theatre with that boy band group thing, we wanted to appeal to more people."

Jamie has mixed feelings about Britain's Got Talent. Much of it was surreal as the band found themselves becoming an overnight success.

Other bits were entirely forgettable.

"The truth about BGT is that a lot of it was awful. It's sort of like anything that's incredible, there's always a terrible side. It was almost like getting into a new relationship where everything's a crazy and a buzz but also mad. There was a downside and you have to remember that this is a crazy and competitive industry.

"To go from playing in a pub to being in front of 12 million and to go from 300 Twitter followers to 100,000 was remarkable. We went from zero to 100 in six weeks. We were quite lucky that a couple of us were business-minded. We weren't teens and we weren't too star struck. But it's so easy to get caught up in the madness of it. I'm just grateful that we've lived through that. These days, it's much better. We control everything and work together well. It's been two years as a four and we get on so well. The system works, it's like a well-oiled machine."

Though Collabro emerged from the world of TV, they are happiest when they're in theatres.

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Playing to a live audience gives them the greatest buzz of all, which is why they undertake such gargantuan tours.

"While TV is great, we love that, we also enjoy performing live, probably even more. That's why the next tour is so cool. Most bands don't last but we're already looking ahead towards our sixth year.

"We are four best friends who go on the road and when it's finished we go out for a drink. We all have our separate lives as well. When you first move to London, you don't have that life. But these days, we can take time away from the band which is super healthy.

"When people win these TV talent shows, a lot of them get wrapped in cotton wool so they last two minutes. They think they'll be the next Beyoncé and they stop working at it. They're not nice to people. It's all wrong.

"We are known for being overtly accommodating and easy to be around. We're very hard working too. When we won BGT, we sent all 60 production crew members chocolates and flowers and cards."

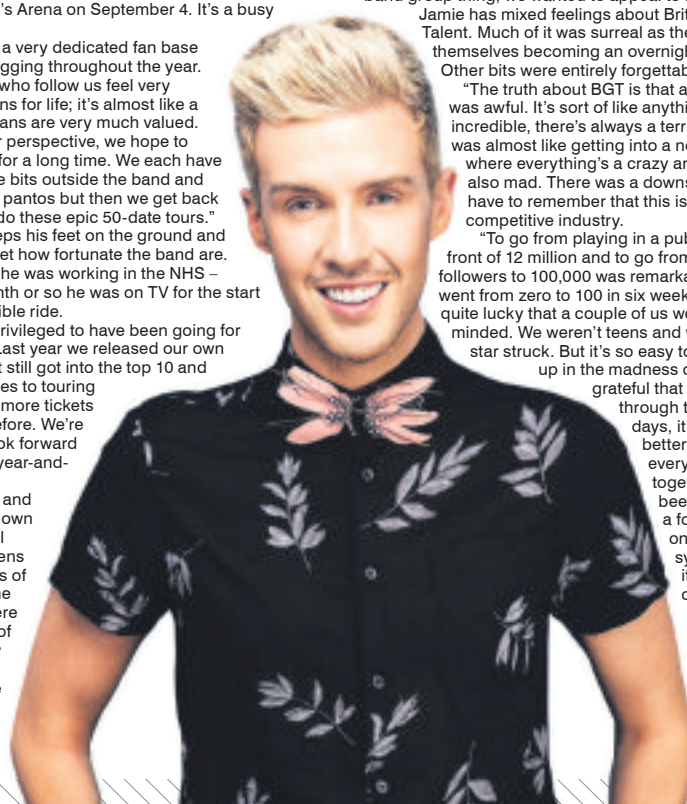
The band's low-key approach extends to their tour. "That's the way we work. You see some people's riders and they are crazy. For us, it's a bottle of red a bottle of white wine and some Haribos."

Andy Richardson

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Kevin and Karen Clifton



Dance show goes on after golden couple's split

THE show will go on for Strictly Come Dancing married couple Kevin and Karen Clifton despite their break up.

The dance duo will continue as professional partners in their spectacular touring show – Kevin and Karen Dance – which is at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday.

In a high-energy performance filled with heart-pounding choreography and sparkling costumes, Kevin and Karen will be dazzling audiences.

Backed by a supporting cast of dancers and a live 12-piece show band, Kevin and Karen's most famous routines from the top TV show will be brought to the stage – and the duo are looking forward to performing together.

Kevin said: "Privately we're not together right now but dance is the glue that holds us together."

"We're having a great time creating a brand new show filled with sassy glamour and edge-of-your-seat routines."

Karen and Kevin have appeared on Strictly Come Dancing since 2010 and 2011, respectively.

They first met as dancers on the stage show Burn The Floor and first appeared on Strictly when they were engaged.

The couple tied the knot in July 2015, with the marriage being the second for both dancers.

However, they have since gone their separate ways in their private lives – even though they're still performing live together.

Unheard Hancock as lost scripts found



Two lost Tony Hancock radio scripts from the 1950s are to be performed in Stourbridge later this year.

Billed as The Lost Hancocks: Vacant Lot, the production has a cast including impressionist James Hurn (BBC2's Dead Ringers) and Janice Connolly (AKA Mrs Barbara Nice).

In 1952 West Bromwich comedy writer Larry Stephens convinced the BBC to let him create a series for his friend and rising star Birmingham's Tony Hancock. Entitled Vacant Lot, the series focused on life in the faded fictional

seaside town of Churdley Bay, where the blundering, pompous Hancock aspires to better his lot.

Despite a cast of colourful characters (with Peter Sellers, Spike Milligan and Kenneth Connor all mooted for roles), Vacant Lot was never recorded and lay buried in the BBC archives until now.

Larry Stephens wrote much of Hancock's stage material as well as sketches for his ATV series, The Tony Hancock Show. Writing on his own and with such future legends as Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes, he penned material for Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe, Bernard Braden, Dickie Valentine, Jon Pertwee and

Arthur Askey. A key figure in the development and success of The Goon Show, he went on to work for TV hit The Army Game before dying suddenly in 1959, aged just 35.

The Lost Hancocks: Vacant Lot will be performed at Stourbridge Town Hall on September 19, as part of the build up to Birmingham Comedy Festival. The only other performance this year is at the British Library in London.

Tickets for the Stourbridge show are available online at www.boroughhalls.co.uk or by calling (01384) 812812.

Enjoy a Flat Pint with joker Jonny

Black Country comedy songsmith Jonny Cole will be on home ground when he lines up with The Flat Pint of Mild at Bilston's Robin 2 on Thursday, July 19. He is back with his full band line-up and is aiming to make fans move as much as laugh. Cole has taken the Midlands comedy scene by storm and has performed alongside such star comics as Ross Noble, Joe Lycett and Mark Watson. Cole is back with a new set of comedy songs and parodies, to leave fans rocking and rolling with laughter.



Mini mania for Italian Job orchestral revival

One of Britain's most iconic films, The Italian Job, will return to the big screen at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Sunday with an orchestra playing the famous Quincy Jones score live to the picture. The HD remastered version of the 1969 film starring Michael Caine, Noel Coward, Benny Hill, a young Robert Powell and some fabulous Minis, will be accompanied by a live orchestra for the first time. They will play the famous soundtrack by legendary composer and producer Quincy Jones, including the song On Days Like These during the opening sequence. Quincy Jones composed the soundtrack, including Getta Bloomin' Move On, usually referred to as The Self-Preservation Society. The movie also includes one of film history's most famous one-liners: "You're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!"

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Emma Willis
The Voice Kids (TV, 8pm)
 New series. Emma Willis returns with the junior version of the singing talent contest, giving youngsters between the ages of seven and 14 a chance to achieve stardom. The Voice UK's Will.i.am returns as one of the three coaches, with McFly's Danny Jones and pop star Pixie Lott occupying the other two spinning red chairs. Up for grabs this time is a £30,000 prize to contribute to the winning child's musical education, along with a family holiday to Disneyland Paris.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Wimbledon 2018. Sue Barker presents live coverage.
6.50 BBC News.
7.00 Regional Programme.
7.10 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman put a selection of TV experts through their paces in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz show, asking them to team up with colleagues and contemporaries to provide the least-likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. The House That £100K Built presenter Kieran Long teams up with fellow architecture specialist Piers Taylor, while Homes Under the Hammer host Martin Roberts joins forces with Selling Houses' Amanda Lamb. Fifth Gear duo Vicki Butler-Henderson and Tiff Needell combine their wits, and weather forecasters John Hammond and Laura Tobin also compete. (R)
8.00 Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles presents the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
8.40 Casualty. New paramedic Ruby (former EastEnders star Maddy Hill) is pushed to her limits on her first day with Iain and Sam. Alicia struggles to work with Eddie and her outbursts increase.
9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes and the Brown family await the fruits of their fraud after faking Grandad's death to get a payout, but the insurance company starts to grow suspicious. (R)
10.00 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.20 MOTO: FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights. Jason Mohammad introduces action from the third place play-off, which took place at Saint Petersburg Stadium, as the semi-final losers did battle for the bronze medal.
10.50 Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding presents highlights of the penultimate day's play.
11.50 MOTO: FIFA World Cup 2018 Replay.
1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Marrying Mum and Dad. **7.00** Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. **7.30** The Designers. (R) **8.00** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **8.30** Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. (R) **9.00** Super Cute Animals. (R) **10.00** Athletics: Diamond League Highlights. **11.00** Wimbledon 2018. **12.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **1.00** Kew on a Plate. (R) **2.00** Garden Rescue. (R) **2.45** Film: An Ideal Husband. (1999) Oscar Wilde comedy drama, starring Cate Blanchett. **4.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **5.00** Flop It! (R) **5.50** H Is for Hawk: A New Chapter - Natural World. (R)
6.50 Wimbledon 2018. Sue Barker presents further live coverage on day 12 at the All England Club, featuring action from the men's and ladies' doubles finals on Centre Court at SW19. Last year, the corresponding matches were completely different in terms of their competitiveness. In the men's match, the Polish-Brazilian pairing of Lukasz Kubot and Marcelo Melo overcame Austrian Oliver Marach and his Croatian partner Mate Pavic in five sets, eventually sealing a 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (7-2), 3-6, 13-11 victory. The ladies' match that followed was a far more one-sided affair, with second seeds Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina beating ninth seeds Chan Hao-ching and Monica Niculescu 6-0, 6-0.
9.00 Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the Border. Against the backdrop of President Trump's planned construction of a wall between the two countries, the comedian takes a 2,000-mile musical road trip along the US-Mexico border. He explores how romance and reality play out musically, where third-world Mexico meets first-world USA on "the broken road to the American Dream".
10.15 Film: Mississippi Grind. (2015) Premiere. Two gamblers go on a road trip alongside the Mississippi river to compete in a high-stakes poker game in New Orleans. Drama, starring Ben Mendelsohn and Ryan Reynolds.
11.55 Golf: Scottish Open. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third round of the European Tour event at Gullane Golf Club in East Lothian, where Rafa Cabrera Bello entered as the defending champion.
12.55 Picnic at Hanging Rock. (R) **1.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Mission Emptiable. (R) **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Tournament of Elements. (R) **7.30** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball On Saturday. **9.25** James Martin's American Adventure. **9.55** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **10.20** The Best of the Voice WorldWide. **11.20** The Best of the Voice WorldWide. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket. Coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot. **2.30** FIFA World Cup 2018. Coverage of the third place play-off (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.15** Catchphrase. (R)
6.00 ITV News: Weather.
6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.30 Japandemonium. New series. A review of the best Japanese TV, showcasing some of the maddest and funniest moments ever broadcast.
7.00 Celebrity Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts a star-studded version of the game show, as Jennie McAlpine, Jason Watkins and Ore Oduba try to "say what they see" in an effort to win £50,000 for charity.
8.00 The Voice Kids. New series. Emma Willis returns with the junior version of the talent contest, as Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott give youngsters aged from seven to 14 a chance at stardom.
9.35 ITV News: Weather.
9.55 Film: The Bourne Supremacy. (2004) The amnesiac assassin is living quietly in hiding, until his former employers come after him again and murder his girlfriend. A CIA operation has ended in disaster, and those responsible intend to clear their names by implicating Bourne. As the former secret agent tries to evade the hitmen on his trail, he also struggles to piece together the truth about his past. Action thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon.
11.55 Stuck on You: The Football Sticker Story. How four Italian brothers took a childhood obsession and turned it into a worldwide industry - and the British upstarts who took on the mighty Panini to beat them at their own game. (R)
12.55 Jackpot247. **3.00** Mr Selfridge. (R) **3.50** ITV NightScreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Marathon: Transylvania Ultra. **6.30** Mobil 1: The Grid. **7.00** The King of Queens. (R) **7.25** The King of Queens. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R) **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Great Canal Journeys: India. The first of two programmes in which Timothy West and Prunella Scates explore India by canal boat. The trip begins in Kerala, a region of palm-fringed lakes, rivers and British-built canals which has had a thriving spice trade for thousands of years. They explore a boat built by a local ruler and make offerings at a temple, while Pru learns a traditional dance. (R)
8.00 Film: Star Trek: Into Darkness. (2013) Premiere. Captain Kirk and the crew of the starship Enterprise are sent on a clandestine mission into enemy territory to track down the rogue starfleet agent behind a terrorist attack on Earth. However, the assignment brings to light a hidden threat from within their own organisation. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto and Benedict Cumberbatch.
10.35 Film: Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials. (2015) Premiere. A group of children who escaped from a mysterious labyrinth journey through a dangerous wasteland. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Dylan O'Brien and Kaya Scodelario.
1.00 Ramsay's Hotel Hell. A hotel in Minnesota where staff are on the brink of revolt. (R) **1.50** The Big Harshie Show. The grime MC presents an alternative entertainment show. (R) **2.45** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Marnie asks Yasmine for her help with Alfie, and Fran sends Nancy a note asking her to meet her. Meanwhile, Farrah offers to help Grace out for the day at the Loft. (R) **4.50** My Kitchen Rules. Two friends and colleagues prepare a three course menu. (R) **5.45** Star Boot Sale. Richard Arnold tries to raise money for charity. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.30** Access. **10.35** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.55** Nightmare Tenants. Stum Landlords: Revisited. (R) **12.55** Bad Tenants. Rogue Landlords. (R) **2.00** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **2.55** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **3.55** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **4.55** News Weekend. **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R)
6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Gareth and Craig investigate a possible case of mistaken identity in Shropshire, then in south Wales find themselves embroiled in a bitter dispute between two dog owners over a vet's bill. Steve and Phil have to evict a distraught young family from a former high street bank in west London, before paying a call on an elderly tailor in north London. (R)
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Michael Nicholas presents action from the second game in the three-match series, which took place at Lord's. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Geoff Boycott and Alison Mitchell.
8.00 Les Dawson: A Life of Laughter. Remembering the stand-up comedian, TV host, and celebrated piano player who died in June 1993 at the age of 62. His life story is revealed by delving into the archives and piecing together the most memorable footage he committed to celluloid, and as well as digging out great performances, chat show appearances, rare and long forgotten archive and home movie footage. There are also contributions from family, friends and colleagues, all combining to unpick the stories behind this legend of British entertainment - told in his own words and by those who knew him best. (R)
10.00 Comedy Gold: Les Dawson and Friends. A selection of clips featuring the much-loved comedian.
11.20 French and Saunders: 30 Years of Laughs. A celebration of the careers of Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders, in particular their work as a double-act. Contributors include Helen Lederer and Christopher Biggins. (R)
12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** The A-Team. (R) **4.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

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BBC Four
7.00 Earth's Greatest Spectacles **8.00** Wonders of the Moonson **9.00** Hidden **10.00** A Life on Screen - Stephen Fry **11.00** Roy Orbison: Love Hurts **12.00** Top of the Pops: 1986 **12.30** Smashing Hits! The 80's Pop Map of Britain & Ireland **1.30** The Girl from Ipanema: Brazil, Bossa Nova and the Beach **2.30** Wonders of the Moonson **3.30** Top of the Pops: 1986 **4.00** Close
ITV2
12.35 Catchphrase **1.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.25** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** Film: Peter Pan (2003) **4.40** Film: Happy Feet Two (2011) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** Film: Happy Feet Two (2011) **6.35** Film: The Mummy (1999) **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45** Film: The Mummy (1999) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.05** Keith Lemon: Coming in America **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.15** CelebAbility **2.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 NightScreen
ITV3
2.25 ITV Racing Live from Newmarket. Coverage of today's race meetings. **4.00** Foyle's War **6.00** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** Honest **1.55** ITV3 NightScreen **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV4
3.00 Storage Wars: Texas **4.00** Monster Carp **5.00** When English Football Ruled Europe **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** World Series of Darts: Shanghai **12.00** Better Late Than Never **12.55** Football's Foreign Legion **1.55** Stuck on You: The Football Sticker Story **2.45** ITV4 NightScreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.00 How I Met Your Mother **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** Young Sheldon **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Colombiana (2011) **11.05** Gogglebox **1.20** Tattoo Fixers **2.20** Rude Tube **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **4.50** Rude(ish) Tube
5.40
11.00 Vice Versa (1989) **1.00** Stuart Little **2.00** 2.35 Speed 2: Cruise Control **1997** **5.00** Carry On Regardless (1961) **6.55** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) **9.00** The Green Mile (1999) A prison guard amazed by the healing power and gentle nature of a man on death row comes to doubt his guilt. Supernatural drama, starring Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan. **12.00** Alien Resurrection (1997) **2.10** The Bay (2012) **3.55** Close

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- The Tina Turner Musical** BEST SELLER!
- Wicked** ★★★★★



Gary Lineker

MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018 (BBC1, 3.50pm)

Gary Lineker presents coverage of the final (Kick-off 4.00pm), which comes from Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, as the sport's most prestigious match takes place and the successors to Germany are crowned. The defending champions sensationally crashed out at the group stage this time around, finishing bottom of Group F following defeats to Mexico and South Korea, with their solitary victory over Sweden eventually counting for nothing. There were six previous World Cup winners who made it through to the knockout phase, however, as Uruguay, Spain, France, Argentina, Brazil and England all safely made it past their groups, though Spain and Argentina fell at the last-16 stage.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.10** Songs of Praise. **12.45** BBC News. **Weather: 1.00** Wimbledon 2018. Sue Barker presents the build-up to the men's singles final. **1.50** Wimbledon 2018. Live coverage of the men's singles final. **3.00** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup Final Build Up. A look ahead to the final. **3.50** MOTD Live: FIFA World Cup 2018. Coverage of the final (Kick-off 4.00pm). **6.35** BBC News. **7.50** Regional Programme. **7.00** Countryfile. Sean Fletcher presents a special programme on Wales, spelling out what he loves so much about the country, including archive footage exploring the Seven Wonders of Wales. The mountains, hill farming, heritage, wildlife, castles, food and coastline of Wales are all examined, with the latter being of particular relevance as Sean journeys along Pembrokeshire's stretch of the Welsh Coastal Path. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Breach presents the show from Minehead Railway Station, where items brought in for the experts to value include a chair thought to have once belonged to Henry VIII, a 19th-century washing machine, a holiday camp dance trophy, a miniature of Napoleon and a wedding dress that has been worn down the aisle by seven brides. **9.00** Poldark. Sam convinces Drake to return from exile following his abandonment of Rosina, and Nathaniel Pearce's death reveals how he embroiled Pascoe's clients' funds. Ross finds Geoffrey Charles led astray by Monk Adderley and steers his nephew from trouble, while Drake returns to the village with Sam, who threatens retribution on any who attack his brother. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Highlights. Action from the final, which came from Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. **11.00** Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the men's singles final. **12.00** MOTD: FIFA World Cup 2018 Replay. **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.45** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **11.00** Wimbledon 2018. **12.30** Coast. (R) **1.25** RAF 100: Into the Blue. **1.55** Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow. (R) **2.55** Wimbledon 2018. Continued live coverage from the All England Club. **8.00** Russia with Simon Reeve. The concluding leg of the adventurer's epic journey begins in Crimea, which is part of neighbouring Ukraine but was annexed by Russia in 2014. Simon meets the eccentric and fearless owner of a safari park who likes to get up close and personal with his pride of lions, then comes across a small hospital where he meets an inspirational doctor trying to protect his clinic from closure. Arriving in Moscow he meets a woman who was arrested for protesting against her flat being demolished, and finally arrives in St Petersburg, where he joins fighters at a martial arts club. Last in the series. (R) **9.00** The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan. The comedian tests his preconceptions of Albania, guided on a whistlestop tour of the country by local TV presenter and journalist Erjona Rusi. Along the way, he tries to discover why Albania has remained a stubbornly unfashionable holiday destination, meeting those at the extremes of the country, from the rural farmers to the billionaire playboys who live in the cities in the company of supermodels. Last in the series. **10.00** Reporting Trump's First Year: The Fourth Estate. Michael Flynn pleads guilty over lying to the FBI, and reporters dig deeper on the obstruction of justice case Robert Mueller might be building. Last in the series. **10.55** That's the Way, A-Ha. A-Ha. Joe Lycett. A performance from the comedian's award-winning live show, recorded at the Duchess Theatre in London's West End. (R) **11.55** Golf: Scottish Open. Highlights of the final round of the European Tour event at Gullane Golf Club in East Lothian, where Rafa Cabrera Bello entered as the defending champion. **12.55** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.55** Holly City. (R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Mission Employable. (R) **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Tournament of Elements. (R) **7.30** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weir. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Sunday. **9.25** Japandemonium. (R) **9.55** The Voice Kids. (R) **11.25** Midsomer Murders. (R) **1.25** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold. (R) **2.00** The Chase. (R) **2.55** FIFA World Cup 2018: Final Build Up. A look ahead to the 21st staging of the showpiece match. **3.45** FIFA World Cup 2018. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the final (Kick-off 4.00pm). **6.30** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. Paul and the staff try an unconventional technique to calm down an over-excited mongrel, and a young German shepherd turns out to have hidden health problems. (R) **7.00** ITV News: Weather. **7.15** Regional Programme: Weather. **7.30** The Voice Kids. Emma Willis presents the junior version of the singing talent contest, giving youngsters between the ages of seven and 14 a chance to achieve stardom. The Voice UK's Will.i.am returns as one of the three coaches, with McFly's Danny Jones and pop star Pixie Lott occupying the other two spinning red chairs. Up for grabs this time is a £30,000 prize to contribute to the winning child's musical education, along with a family holiday to Disneyland Paris. **9.00** Unforgotten. New series. The body of a teenage girl who went missing at the turn of the millennium is found at a building site off the M1. **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** Rising Damp Forever. Part one of two. Documentary about the classic sitcom, featuring contributions from creator Eric Chappell and star Don Warrington, who revisits the studio where the show was filmed. (R) **11.15** Rising Damp Forever. Part two of two. The crew of the sitcom and star Don Warrington are reunited, while director Joe McGrath and actor Christopher Strauli discuss making the movie version. (R) **12.15** The Big Fish Off. (R) **1.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.25** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Bake Off: The Professionals. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Film: A Monster in Paris. (2011) Animated comedy, with the voice of Vanessa Paradis. **3.40** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.40** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R) **5.40** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **6.40** Channel 4 News. **7.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. In this treehouse special, George rediscovers some of the best tiny builds to be found up in the treetops across the world, including a romantic retreat in Tuscany, a tree hotel in Sweden shaped like a UFO and a treehouse designed like a mirrored cube. Plus, a look back at the epic treehouse George and master carpenter Will Hurd built together in Kielder Forest Park. **8.00** Dunkirk: The Forgotten Heroes. The untold story of what happened after the Dunkirk evacuation, told by the men who were there and using recently declassified secret documents. Following the evacuation, tens of thousands of British troops were still left in France, fighting for their lives. The 51st Highland Division were ordered to fight on against the Hitler's war machine and now, almost 80 years later, the only remaining survivors of that Division tell their extraordinary story for the first time. **9.00** The Handmaid's Tale. The Waterforths embark on a diplomatic trip abroad, and Serena Joy faces the temptation of life outside Gilead. Luke and Moira grapple with survivor's guilt, while Offred seeks support from allies. **10.15** Film: Hell or High Water. (2016) Premiere. A divorced father and his ex-con older brother resort to a desperate scheme in order to save their family's ranch in West Texas. Drama, starring Jeff Bridges. **12.15** The Last Leg. A comic review of the past seven days. (R) **1.10** News Crack. (R) **1.35** Film: Wuthering Heights. (2011) Period drama, starring James Howson. **3.50** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **4.20** My Kitchen Rules. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.35** Star Boot Sale. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Seaside Antics. (R) **6.45** Only the Little White Van. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.50** Rusty Rivets. (R) **7.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Pirata & Capitano. **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Hoogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** FIA Formula E. **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.10** Windsor Castle: The Queen's Favourite Home - Part One. (R) **4.10** Windsor Castle: The Queen's Favourite Home - Part Two. (R) **5.05** St Paul's: Secrets of the Great Cathedral. (R) **6.00** Westminster Abbey: Inside Britain's Most Famous Church. Cameras look inside the 11th-century church, that has been the final resting place for 17 monarchs and hosted 16 royal weddings, including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's. (R) **6.55** Titanic: Draining the Wreck. Using comprehensive mapping data, this programme follows the most dynamic and comprehensive look at Titanic to date, observing the creation of a 3D map of the ship's remains. (R) **7.55** Deep-Sea Super Predator. Documentary about a mysterious super-predator so large and aggressive that it can hunt down and devour a three-metre-long great white shark. (R) **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Film: Wrath of the Titans. (2012) Ancient Greek demi-god Perseus must defeat a race of monsters that has escaped from the underworld. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Sam Worthington and Liam Neeson. **10.05** News Update. **10.10** Film: Wrath of the Titans. (2012) Concluded. **11.05** Film: The Legend of Hercules. (2014) Mythological adventure, starring Kellan Lutz. **12.05** Access. **12.10** Film: The Legend of Hercules. (2014) Concluded. **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.10** The A-Team. (R)

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BBC Four
7.00 Secret Knowledge: Stradivarius and Me **7.30** BBC Proms 2018 **10.00** Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert **11.00** Six Wives with Lucy Worsley **12.00** The Art That Made Mexico: Paradise, Power and Prayers **1.00** David Starkey's Music & Monarchy **2.00** Peter York's Hipster Handbook **3.00** Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert **4.00** Close
ITV2
11.50 Take Me Out **1.00** You've Been Framed! **Gold 2.00** Film: You've Got Mail (1998) **3.00** FYI **4.30** Film: You've Got Mail (1998) **4.20** Film: Mamma Mia! Sing-along (2008) **5.25** FYI **5.30** Film: Mamma Mia! Sing-along (2008) **6.30** Film: The Mummy Returns (2001) **7.30** FYI **7.30** Film: The Mummy Returns (2001) **9.15** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Afterdark **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.35** CelebAbility **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
7.00 Victoria **9.00** Elton John: The Nation's Favourite Song **10.35** Wire in the Blood **12.30** Blue Murder **1.55** Liverpool **1.25** Road to Avonlea **4.35** Judge Judy **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
11.00 Storage Wars: Texas **11.30** Tour de France Live. Coverage of stage nine of the Grand Tour event. **3.30** River Monsters **4.30** Storage Wars: Texas **5.55** The Chase Celebrity Special **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011) **10.10** FYI **10.05** Film: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011) **11.35** Film: Harry Brown (2009) **12.35** FYI **Daily 12.40** Film: Harry Brown (2009) **1.45** The Motorbike Show **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**
11.20 The Big Bang Theory: Big Moments **4.50** The Big Bang Theory **5.15** The Big Bang Theory: Big Moments **5.40** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special **6.45** Film: Thor (2011) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** Gogglebox **Australia 12.10** The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.25** Gogglebox **Australia 3.15** Hollyoaks **Film4**
11.00 Toral! Toral! Toral! (1970) **2.00** Back to the Future (1985) **4.20** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **6.30** Back to the Future Part III (1990) **9.00** The Take (2016) **10.45** Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (2012) **12.50** The Place Beyond the Pines (2012) **3.40** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Site Unseen: An Emma Fielding Mystery, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. An archaeologist and her team are embroiled in a murder investigation when a dead body is found at their dig site. Whodunit, starring Courtney Thorne-Smith. (2017)

TUESDAY

A Teacher's Obsession, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A lacrosse star is kicked off the team until she can improve her grades, leading to a new teacher taking a disturbing interest in her. Thriller, starring Molly Hagan. Edited for daytime broadcast. (2015)

WEDNESDAY

Mama, Channel 4, 1am
A man takes in his two nieces, who have been left to fend for themselves for years in a forest after their parents' deaths. He and his girlfriend try to give the almost animalistic children a normal life, unaware that a supernatural force that looked after the girls in the wild has followed them home. Horror, starring Jessica Chastain and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. (2013)



Crank, Friday, ITV, 10.45pm

THURSDAY

Two Wrongs, Channel 5, 3.20pm
Nurse and single mother Sarah struggles to balance her work and home life, but her worst nightmare is realised when her daughter Lauren is abducted while walking home alone from school and she faces a moral dilemma if she is to save her child. Thriller, starring Gillian Zinser, Ryan Blakely, Brooklyn Lax and Aidan Devine. (2015)

FRIDAY

Crank, ITV, 10.45pm
An assassin faces a race against time when he learns a rival has poisoned him with a drug that will kill him if his heart rate drops below a certain level. As he sets out to take revenge on his enemies, he has to resort to increasingly desperate acts to keep his adrenaline pumping. Action thriller, with Jason Statham, Amy Smart, Jose Pablo Cantillo, Efen Ramirez, Dwight Yoakam, Carlos Sanz, Reno Wilson and Jay Xcala. (2006)

Nadiya serves up a tasty treat with her favourite dishes

Believe it or not, there was a time when cooking shows just didn't matter.

They were cosy time-fillers that propped up the schedules while we waited for the likes of Top of the Pops, Tomorrow's World and super soaps like Dallas and Dynasty.

But then things changed. Yes, the humble cookery show was still cheap to make (a staple ingredient for any cash-conscious producer), but with the right person, or people doing their bit to cameras, it could be the stuff of TV gold.

Thanks to mavericks like Keith Floyd, who berated his producer and essentially directed the show himself inbetween glugs of wine, the nation realised cookery shows could be fun.

Yes, Delia Smith might be there like a stable rock with top cooking tips, but Floyd was a culinary rock star, who just happened to look like an eccentric professor.

Fast forward to 2016 and we have more cookery shows than we can shake a (chop) stick at. Every type

of series, with a vast array of larger-than-life presenters, who travel the world and carry out cooking sketches in exotic locations while we at home dream mournfully over beans on toast.

One of the greatest finds of recent years is of course Nadiya Hussain, the Great British Bake Off winner whose bright ideas, offbeat sense of humour and magnetic screen presence ensured her fanbase grew faster than a proving loaf with too much yeast.

In the past three years since she became a household name, the 33-year-old Leeds mum of three has fronted compelling travel show The Chronicles of Nadiya; co-hosted The Big Family Cooking Showdown; helped edit the BBC's Good Food magazine; written a weekly broadsheet column, and is now back on the box with this lip-smacking new series.

She'll be showing viewers how to create the perfect dishes to compliment any kind of day, and meets some of Britain's most inspiring home cooks along the way.

Nadiya begins by demonstrating recipes for family days out, including chai-spiced vermicelli, cheese biscuits with tomato jam, a filling samosa pie, as well as a prawn saffron biryani to come home to.

Though you can of course add plenty of butter and full-fat milk to certain dishes, Nadiya is well aware that most of us are fighting the battle of the bulge, so she offers lighter alternatives.

Her quest to find the best homemade pastry in Britain takes her to Cornwall, and she also visits a rapeseed-oil farm in Northampton.

"For me, food is all about family, and those special moments when we all come together over a mouthwatering meal," explains Nadiya.

"I want to share some of my yummy family favourites. Dishes for every kind of day. I'm also going to travel the country, meeting inspirational home cooks who go the extra mile to make scrumptious products that most of us buy in the shops."



Nadiya's Family Favourites, Monday, BBC2, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The Island That Saved My Life BBC1, 7.30pm

Suffering from depression and with an accompanying trait of shyness, 23-year-old Sarah Moore found her life in Edinburgh tough. She found a solution, however - even though it meant leaving her family, she moved to the remote Orkadian island of North Ronaldsay, which boasts a population of around 50. There, she took up several jobs, and started to build a new life for herself; one which suited her down to the ground. Now, much happier in the beautiful surroundings of the Orkney Isles, she feels much more a member of the community - and, ironically, has a far more active social life than she did in the Scottish capital. This documentary, part of BBC One's Our Lives strand, tells her remarkable story.

TUESDAY

Inside The Factory BBC2, 8pm

For millions of us, getting through the day without a coffee or three is an unthinkable prospect, but what goes into making the stuff? In the first of a new run, Gregg Wallace explores an enormous Derbyshire coffee factory, where they produce 175,000 jars a day. He follows the production of freeze-dried

instant coffee, from the arrival of 27 tonnes of Brazilian green coffee beans right through to dispatch. Meanwhile, Cherry Healey learns about the drink's chemistry and Ruth Goodman investigates its origins, visiting the site of the UK's first coffee house which sprang up in a London churchyard in 1652.

WEDNESDAY

Animals Behaving Badly BBC1, 8pm

A new three-part series from the BBC - and let's face it, who does animal docs better? - focuses on the science behind animal behaviour. While it may have a fun and often adorable veneer, it also sneaks in a bit of science along the way. The first episode focuses on mating, and frankly some of these critters have habits which we may find distasteful to say the least. Presenter Liz Bonnin reveals how mongoose are apt to start turf wars simply to create a distraction in order to sneak in and mate; macaques meanwhile will actually kidnap babies in order to curry favour with rivals. Meanwhile, in the American plains, she finds out why

promiscuity might be the key to healthy offspring - in prairie dogs, at least.

THURSDAY

George Clarke's Old House, New Home Channel 4, 8pm

New series. Architect George Clarke returns to unlock the potential of old houses. He meets teachers Simon and Sofie, whose 1930s Liverpool semi has lost its way thanks to a small kitchen

squeezed into what would have been the wash house and some dodgy interior design choices made by the previous owner. Can he come up with a structural redesign and interior scheme with just £15,000? He also visits a medieval farmhouse in Kent that's like a perfectly preserved time capsule and needs an upgrade suitable for a young and rapidly growing family.



Our Shirley Valentine Summer, Thursday, ITV, 9.30pm

Our Shirley Valentine Summer ITV, 9.30pm

The play (and subsequent movie) Shirley Valentine told the story of a bored housewife who found a new lease of life when she went to Greece on holiday. But could a trip to the Greek islands work have a similar effect on a group of female celebrities who feel they have reached a crossroads in their own lives? Melinda Messenger, Sian Lloyd, Nancy Dell'Olio, Aggie MacKenzie, Ninia Benjamin, Lizzie Cundy, Annabel Giles, and Ingrid Tarrant are all single and all have a personal goal in mind, whether it's boosting their confidence, getting over a marriage breakdown or finding a new career. Some of them are also hoping to find love. But can they discover what they are looking for in the Greek islands - and will the fact that they all want to try something new bond them as they find themselves living under the same roof?

FRIDAY

Golf: The Open Championship Highlights BBC2, 8pm

Eilidh Barbour presents action from the second day of the prestigious event, which takes place at Carnoustie Golf Links in Angus, Scotland, as the players aimed to make the cut ahead of the weekend's play.

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Red Lion the mane attraction

Being new in town means it's not always easy to show initiative when it comes to going out. You don't know the area and have no knowledge of any decent places to eat or drink out at.

But it was clear that a country pub was to be the destination on a summer's evening.

An escape from the city hell on a hot day in the office.

The Red Lion at Bradley is a pretty little pub in a proper, picturesque English setting. The white-washed walls of the 17th century building and perfect flower borders look totally in character for its village setting.

Driving up to the pub it was easy to feel all the stresses and strains of the day slip away and be replaced with calm and tranquility.

SWIFTLY

When Mr and I wandered in to the pub, it caught us a little off guard as all eyes appeared to be on the strangers from another land.

As we were the first in for dinner, it meant we got our pick of the tables and The Husband – who is a little particular about where we sit – made a beeline for the table I had my eyes on. A window seat for two tucked away from other diners. We did have to shuffle the table, however, as Husband had parked himself right under a speaker.

The waitress was very smiley and gave us menus to deliberate over and took a drinks order, a Birra Moretti and Pinot Grigio. They arrived with a bottle of chilled water, the order was taken and we relaxed into our peaceful surrounds before our starters. I'd gone for the soup of the day – French onion with a crusty roll and he fancied the warm garlic and rosemary focaccia with aged balsamic, olive oil with the idea of sharing. The



The Red Lion pub in Bradley, near Stafford



Fish and chips with minted mushy peas

soup was amazing, full of oniony flavour with gorgeous chunks of the veg thickening up the hearty liquid. The best bit was the huge French bread crouton covered in melted cheese floating on top. There was no crusty roll but we did have the bread starter, a large portion of four pieces of focaccia full of rosemary. The olive oil and balsamic vinegar were of a high quality and the herby bread a great complement to the oil and vinegar mix.

Nothing was left of the starters and we sat back waiting for them to settle as we admired the serene surroundings. By the time our mains arrived the dining

room had begun to fill up a little. I'd gone for a pub classic – fish and chips – but instead of the usual cod it was battered haddock with chips, tartare sauce and minted mushy peas, which ordinarily I would not be keen on, but these were delicious.

The chicken was going down just as well over the other side of the table and, I am assured, the whole meal was rated as 'top drawer'.

I was defeated and couldn't finish it all. His plate was cleared and our bellies were happily full.

Husband was keen to sample a dessert but I was too

stuffed to even contemplate such a thing. Sticky toffee pudding with ginger ice cream was his choice. But with two spoons, so I could tuck in too. It was well worth finding the tiny bit of room my tummy had left. I'm pretty sure I ended up devouring the majority of it too.

Our bill came to £53.20 with no complaints and such lovely, friendly service.

It's a place we'd happily return to. Out of the way, quiet and with satisfying food, The Red Lion is surely the mane attraction in the pretty village of Bradley.

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PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY
GUIDE TO HOME
BUYING AND
LETTING

Stunning modern family home has three bedrooms

A stunning modern family home in a popular location, 3 Colliery Drive, Bloxwich, Walsall, is a three-bedroomed detached house for sale through Webbs Estate Agents at offers over £220,000.

Having a high end contemporary finish, it lies close to all local amenities, shops and schools.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a re-fitted kitchen, guest WC, three bedrooms, a re-fitted bathroom and an en-suite. Outside there is a garage, driveway and landscaped gardens.

In more detail the lounge has a bay window to the front elevation, a window seat, a contemporary-style log burner, stairs leading up to the first floor and a door to the dining room.

The dining room has patio doors to the conservatory, a double glazed window and a door to the kitchen. Having French doors out to the rear garden, the conservatory also has laminate flooring and air conditioning.

Having a double-glazed window and door to the garden, the kitchen has wall, base and drawer units, work surfaces over, an inset single drainer sink, integrated appliances and a door to the inner lobby.

The inner lobby has doors to the WC and a garage. The WC has a window to the side, a wall-mounted radiator, a low level WC and a hand wash basin.

The master bedroom is a double with built-in sliding mirrored wardrobe doors and a door to the en-suite. Bedroom two has a wall-mounted radiator, as does bedroom three. The bathroom is luxuriously fitted out in contemporary style with a bath, low level WC, his and hers sinks and a shower cubicle.

The lovely rear garden has a border, a lawn area and decking area. Both sides of the property have gated access into the garden. The garage has an up and over door, power and a utility area.

BLOXWICH £220,000

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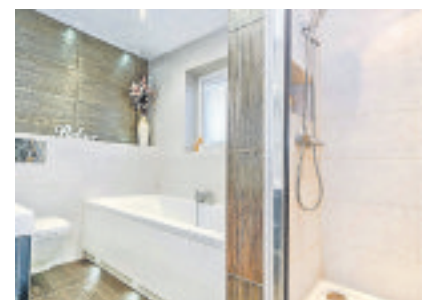
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- EPC - D (66)




£280,000

NEW



Endley Drive, Bloxwich

- Detached Bungalow
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- EPC - TBC



£260,000



Stafford Road, Bloxwich

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Recently Refurbished
- Generous Driveway and Single Garage
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- EPC - D (67)

£250,000

CHARACTER



Walhouse Road, Walsall

- Very Well Presented Period Style Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms
- EPC - E (39)

£185,000

NEW



Asbury Close, Turnberry Estate

- Modern Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Block Paved Driveway
- Entrance Hallway & Guest WC
- EPC - D (65)



£210,000

REDUCED



Lydford Road, Bloxwich

- Link Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Side Garage
- Generous Corner Plot
- Requires Complete Renovation
- EPC - TBC



£210,000

NEW



The Alcove, Bloxwich

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- EPC - TBC



£195,000



Griffins Crescent, Walsall

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- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
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- EPC - C (79)

£185,000

NEW



Penmire Grove, Rushall

- Modern Taylor Wimpey Home
- Built in 2012 with remaining NHBC guarantee
- 'Show Home' Condition
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom



£180,000

REDUCED



Penmire Grove, Rushall

- Spacious Three Storey Town House
- Very Well Presented Throughout
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- En-Suite to the Master
- Driveway for Two Cars
- EPC - B (81)



£170,000

NO CHAIN




Wolverhampton Road, Essington

- Rose Cottage
- Located in Essington Village
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£175,000

NO CHAIN



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Cope Street, Leamore

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- Recently Refurbished
- New Carpets Fitted
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- EPC - TBC

£129,500

NEW



Ingram Road, Bloxwich

- Spacious Four Bedroom House
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Large Rear Garden
- Driveway
- EPC - C (72)



£155,000

NEW



Glastonbury Crescent, Mossley

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Corner Plot
- Side Detached Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Kitchen/Diner
- EPC - TBC



£125,000

NO CHAIN



Bentley Lane, Reedswood

- Modern End of Terrace Property
- Allocated Parking
- Built by Cala Homes in 2008
- Ground Floor WC
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- EPC - TBC



O.I.E.O £120,000

NO CHAIN



Walker Road, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Allocated Parking
- EPC - B (83)

£80,000

NO CHAIN



Springhill Court, Sutton Road

- Two Bedroom Town Centre Flat
- Second Floor
- Communal Parking
- Very Good Condition Throughout
- Double Glazing & Electric Heating
- EPC - F (31)

O.I.E.O £80,000

NO CHAIN



Church place, Bloxwich

- Spacious Modern First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Approx 7% Yield
- Tenant Currently Paying £475pcm
- Modern Bathroom
- EPC - B (85)



£79,950

NEW



Station Street, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Ground Floor
- Lease - 106 Years Remaining
- Close To Train Station (0.3 miles)
- Located Just Off Bloxwich High Street
- EPC - E (44)



£75,000



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Detached property extensively updated

PELSALL
£350,000

This well-presented detached property in Hall Lane, Pelsall, Walsall, has been extensively refurbished by the current owner, including a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom.

Having generous living accommodation and a spacious rear garden, it is for sale through Goodchilds Estate Agents at £350,000 with no chain.

It lies in a much sought-after area in close proximity to local shops and several reputable schools.

Internally the property comprises a porch, an entrance hallway, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a conservatory and a downstairs WC to the ground floor. To the first floor there are four generous sized bedrooms and a modern fitted bathroom.

Contact Goodchilds on 01543 226655.



Family home benefits from corner plot in popular area

WALSALL
£240,000

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This stunning family home on a corner plot in Griffins Crescent, Walsall, is packed with the "wow factor".

It is for sale through Webbs Estate Agents at offers over £240,000.

It is situated in a sought-after cul-de-sac location on a popular development.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a through hallway, a lounge, a kitchen/diner, a guest WC, four bedrooms, a bathroom and an en-suite to the master.

Outside, there is a private driveway, a garage and landscaped gardens. In more detail the entrance hall has stairs off. The lounge has a bay window to the front and French doors to the kitchen/diner, which is stunning.

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- Modern Semi
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Guests WC
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Garden, Driveway

£140,000

Kent Road, Walsall
Walsall

EPC 0

- Semi Detached
- Refitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Wet Room
- Lounge/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Parking
- Viewing Recommended

£130,000

Brundard Close, Bloxwich, Walsall
Bloxwich, Walsall




EPC 76

- Modern Development
- Popular Location
- 3 Storey Home
- Hall, Kitchen
- Dining Room, Lounge
- 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Gardens, Driveway
- No Chain

£154,950

Gorse Lane, Great Wyrley, Walsall
Great Wyrley, Walsall




EPC 0

- Ground Floor Shop
- Spacious Apartment
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, WC
- Vehicle Access
- Lounge/Store Room
- Brick Built Store
- No Chain

£235,000 OFFERS OVER

Sadler Mill, Sadlers Road, Brownhills, Walsall
Brownhills, Walsall










EPC 73

- First Floor Accommodation
- Lounge/Diner
- Hallway
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Parking
- Open Views to Rear

£112,950

Lichfield Road, Pelsall, Walsall
Pelsall, Walsall

EPC 31

- Spacious Home
- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Superb Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Games Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- NO CHAIN

£390,000

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, Walsall
Great Wyrley, Walsall




EPC 47

- Generous Traditional Home
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Generous Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating - E

£120,000

Fountains Road, Bloxwich, Walsall
Bloxwich, Walsall




EPC 0

- Deceptively Spacious
- Porch, Through Hallway
- Lounge, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, WC
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

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Stafford Road, Bloxwich

Offers in the Region Of £350,000



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	2	EPC	E

Woodside Close, Off Skip Lane, Walsall

Auction Guide Price £300,000



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	1	EPC	D

Thompson Street, The Manor, Willenhall

£299,950



	3		4
	1	EPC	D

Hinges Road, Bloxwich, Walsall

£297,500 offers



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	2	EPC	C

Somerford Place, Willenhall

£290,000



	2		4
	2	EPC	E

Birmingham Road, Walsall

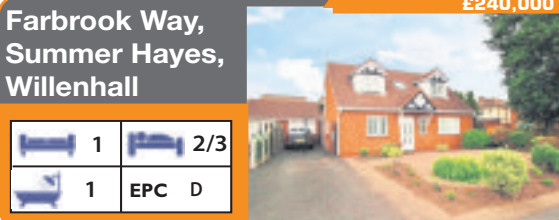
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Farbrook Way, Summer Hayes, Willenhall

£240,000



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	1	EPC	D

Catches Drive, Bloxwich Walsall

Offers over £200,000



	2		4
	2	EPC	C

Kewstoke Road, Willenhall

Offers over £175,000



	1		3
	1	EPC	D

New Forest Road, Walsall

Offers over £160,000



	1		3
	1	EPC	C

Bloxwich Road South, Willenhall

£150,000



	1		2
	1	EPC	D

Leven Drive, Coppice Farm Willenhall

£140,000 offers



	1		2
	1	EPC	C

Chatsworth Close, Willenhall

£130,000



	1		2
	1	EPC	D

Parkes Street, Willenhall

£115,000 offers



	1		3
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£94,950



	1		3
	1	EPC	C

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LOT 1

Trees Road Walsall

16th July 11am, 21st July 10am



●Guide Price £80,000 PLUS

Located not far from Broadway, this well planned spacious semi detached property is in need of complete modernisation and improvement. Viewing is recommended to appreciate the tremendous scope on offer.

LOT 4

Fordbrook Court Walsall

Strictly by appointment through the



Situated in the heart of Walsall Town Centre this one bedroom first floor flat is in need of slight modernisation. This property would ideally be suited towards an investor

●Guide Price £38,500 PLUS

LOT 2

Portsea Street Walsall

18th July 4:30pm, 21st July 11:45am



●Guide Price £55,000 PLUS

Set on a good size plot with substantial frontage, this traditionally styled semi detached property is in need of full modernisation and improvement. Benefiting from central heating and double glazing.

LOT 5

Birmingham Road Walsall

By appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £240,000 PLUS

A truly substantial, late Victorian property offering spacious living accommodation, with a character and appeal seldom seen today. Occupying a most convenient situation with regular bus provision direct to Birmingham, together with ease of access on to all the regions motorways, the property will particularly suit the larger family or investment purchaser. The property has been well maintained by the current vendor, having recently installed Bathroom and Shower Room a recently refitted roof and newly installed gas boiler. The property affords gas central heating and demands viewing to appreciate the space and appeal within.

LOT 8

Trysull Road Wolverhampton

17th July at 11.00 am and 24th July at



This well appointed and maintained semi detached property offers well planned, gas centrally heated accommodation which also benefits from double glazing. Situated in a popular location within a short distance of Wolverhampton City Centre, the property would make an ideal investment. Set back behind a driveway with off street parking, side access leads to good size rear garden.

●Guide Price £85,000 PLUS

LOT 9

Longwood Road Aldridge

12th July 11:15am, 19th July 11:15am



●Guide Price £275,000 PLUS

Situated in a popular semi rural location, on the outskirts of Aldridge this traditionally styled semi detached property, affords splendid views from the rear. With gas central heating and some double glazing the property is in need of modernisation and improvement.

LOT 10

Parklands Gardens Walsall

By appointment through Auctioneers



●Guide Price £55,000 PLUS

Situated just off Birmingham Road in a sought after area, this Leasehold second floor flat is let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy dating back to October 2008 at a rent of £90.00 per week. Benefiting from double glazing, the flat has been well maintained and is sold with the benefit of a 999 year lease from September 1981.

LOT 14

Lindens Drive Streety

12th July 10:30am, 19th July 10:30am



Situated in a popular residential area, this traditionally styled semi detached property, has been extended at ground floor level and offers well planned accommodation ideally suited to the needs of family. With gas central heating and double glazing.

●Guide Price £200,000 PLUS

LOT 15

Waterloo Road Yardley

Fri 13 July 16:00 Tue 17 July 16:00



●Guide Price £95,000 PLUS

This Victorian end terraced property would make an ideal buy to let, situated in a good location just off the A45 Coventry Road. Offering good accommodation with larger than average rear Gardens, the property is in need of some improvement.

LOT 22

Barns Lane Rushall

18th July 3:30pm, 21st July 10:45am



●Guide Price £120,000 PLUS

Although in need of some minor improvements, this substantial four bedroom mid terraced property would make an ideal purchase for the owner occupier or investor. Situated in a popular sought after residential area, the property is set back from the road behind a driveway with off street parking, whilst to the rear is a good size private rear garden.

LOT 24

Circuit Close Willenhall

By appointment through Auctioneers



●Guide Price £40,000 PLUS

Purpose built first floor maisonette is an ideal investment opportunity and benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. Set on a small residential development.

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How to improve a car's performance by 70%

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They looked at more than 500 econometric models, covering a five-year period and, as the table here shows, they found that adding newspapers dramatically increases the effectiveness of other media.

In the automotive sector they reviewed companies that ranged from the big spending German goliaths of the industry to medium sized independent carmakers.

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Practical with surprising dose of style

By Ryan Hiron

The van-turned-MPV has been a mainstay in the market for a number of years now – if one that has been dwindling for a while.

The PSA Group – consisting of Peugeot, Citroen and now Opel/Vauxhall – has been right at the forefront of this particular game for some time with the big-selling Peugeot Partner Tepee and Citroen Berlingo twins, and it's not giving up the ghost just yet. A new wave of these machines is on the horizon, and this is the first – the Peugeot Rifter.

With the ever-growing presence of SUVs though, does buying a van-based MPV still make sense in 2018?

Although the concept of a van-MPV is nothing new, the Rifter itself is a pretty fresh machine. In fact, it's a new name – replacing the old Partner Tepee in the range and distancing itself from the Partner van it's based on.

It's got a new look as well – taking on Peugeot's most recent corporate design. Inside the cabin, the firm's stylish i-Cockpit cabin also makes an appearance.

As for engine options, there's a choice of powertrains plucked from the rest of PSA's range – namely PureTech 110 and 130 petrol engines, along with BlueHDi diesels in 75, 100 and 130 guises.

We took the helm of a Rifter powered by the BlueHDi 130 unit – a 1.5-litre engine delivering 128bhp and 221Nm of torque, here paired up to an eight-speed automatic gearbox. No official word on 0-60mph times.

As for efficiency, Peugeot claims 65.7mpg is possible on the combined cycle with CO2 emissions of 114g/km.

Don't expect it to be the last word in



There's a 775-litre load capacity

performance, but the diesel engine provides ample power to cart around the Rifter without ever feeling asthmatic. Gear changes from the automatic 'box also feel seamless and, despite the van roots, there's little noise from the engine itself – allowing for a relaxing ride.

The Peugeot Rifter was never destined to be a serious driver's car, but the experience behind the wheel is a little less than stellar – its van roots shine through all too well.

Steering falls on the light side yet the Rifter requires a ton of input at low speed to navigate around relatively tight turns, while at higher speeds body roll is incredibly present – perhaps to be expected for such a tall machine.

Style isn't the name of the game in this market segment, but the Rifter is a pretty good-looking thing in its own right. The introduction of Peugeot's corporate style pays off here – with the angular language sitting well on the van dimensions.

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Peugeot – it's not a fashion icon but does manage to pack genuine practicality into a good-looking package.

Step into the driver's seat and you'll be greeted by the firm's i-Cockpit cabin which is slowly but surely taking over its entire range. It brings a high-positioned instrument cluster, eight-inch touchscreen infotainment system (on Allure and higher models) along with a compact, race car-esque steering wheel to create an encapsulated feel.

Looking for pure practicality? We're glad

to report the Rifter offers tons of that. The three rear seats all feature Isofix mounting points meaning all the kids can come along for the ride in child seats, while a 775-litre load capacity with all seats in place means you can fit more than enough for a family week away in the back with ease. Still not enough? A seven-seat version will be landing in the UK in 2019.

Pricing for the full range has yet to be confirmed, but the GT-Line BlueHDi 130 as tested will be available from £24,220. For the money, equipment on offer includes keyless

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The Rifter manages to bring a hint of style to a segment often not associated with it, while retaining the practicality and daily usability MPV buyers will be hoping to expect – and although it may struggle to hide its roots as a van, we can forgive that.

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Jimny more modern inside but retains its rugged spirit

Suzuki has revealed more details about its upcoming Jimny SUV. The Japanese mini-offroader captured hearts as soon as it was announced with its retro styling, and now the brand has given some details of what lies under the skin.

The new fourth-generation Jimny has a tough act to follow. The current car is incredibly long in the tooth, having been on sale since 1998 – but still has a dedicated fanbase who appreciate its combination of compact size, mechanical simplicity and serious off-road ability.

Charming

The new model doesn't stray too far from its predecessor in terms of styling. There's a tall, boxy bodyshape with a clamshell bonnet and seven-slot front grille, while the retro round headlights and tailgate-mounted spare wheel are as practical as they are charming.

Suzuki's only confirmed one engine for the European market and surprisingly, it's not one of the firm's excellent BoosterJet turbocharged units. Instead, a brand-new naturally aspirated 1.5-litre four-cylinder petrol makes an appearance.

Codenamed K15B, the new engine looks to be concentrated on rugged simplicity rather than impressive performance.

As such, the 101bhp power output and 130Nm of torque are adequate rather than sparkling. Suzuki hasn't revealed acceleration figures, but has said that the Jimny will reach a top speed of 90mph when fitted with the



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standard five-speed manual gearbox – or 87mph with the optional four-speed automatic.

Economy figures are pegged at 41.5mpg and 37.6mpg for the manual and automatic respectively, with CO2 figures of 154g/km and 170g/km.

The Jimny's real appeal will be its rugged structure. It's still based on a ladder frame chassis with a separate low-range gearbox.

The car can be operated in 2H front-wheel-drive mode most of the time, maximising fuel economy. 4H activates the four-wheel-drive system and 4L brings in the low-range 'box

for the most challenging off-road conditions.

The previous car was always great off-road, but Suzuki is now promising improved manners on the tarmac too. A newly damped steering column should minimise vibration through the wheel, while the stiffer ladder frame improves ride quality.

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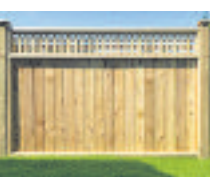
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Sandwell against Walsall in one of the many football matches



A gymnast shows off her skill in the opening ceremony

Game on as 1,000 pupils enjoy sporting festival

IT was game on as more than 1,000 youngsters went to a Black Country sports day. The competition was fierce as more than 80 schools from across the region went head-to-head.

The seventh annual Black Country School Games Summer Festival was held at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall campus.

Teams of young athletes from Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall battled it out in a bid to be crowned the Black Country champions and win the Joel Richards Black Country Schools Games Festival Cup.

Ian Carey, director of Active Black Country who organised the event, said: "School Games is an annual festival where we seek to bring all schools across the region together in a celebration of activity, participation and competition.

"We have got over 250 young volunteers gaining brilliant experience and skills that will stand them in good stead in terms of school but also in their future life.

Introduce

"The young people they drive the menu of sport themselves – it is led by them. I think the children are our future and unfortunately the region suffers from some of the highest levels of childhood obesity. I think this is a great way to bring children together and introduce them to activity.

"It is a great way to introduce them to sport and physical activity on a level playing field that tries to meet the needs of all young people.

"We are just aiming for people to be able to play sport and be physically active. I believe it is a human right that people should have to play sport or be physically active."

Young people took part in a range of activities – including sports hall athletics, multi skills, rounders, rugby, cricket, dodgeball, tri-golf, multi skills, football and duathlon.

One of those taking part, Tia Maisur, aged eight, from Lanesfield Primary School in Wolverhampton, said: "We have been doing golf and we had to get the balls in the hole. It is my first time at the festival. I think it is really good."

SPORTING FEATURE

Report by Luke Bartlett

"It's great way to introduce them to sport and physical activity on a level playing field that tries to meet the needs of all young people"

Another, Jack Bickley, aged seven, from Abbey Infant School in Smethwick, said: "It was really good because we got to do a lot of activities and try different sports out."

For Andrew Marlowe, physical education teacher at The Jane Lane School in Walsall, bringing his team of boys to take their chances at going for gold in the football was 'second to none'.

He said: "You have to qualify for The Black Country Games so it is quite prestigious. Just to get here all of the schools have done well. Whilst we are here there is of course going to be an eventual winner but there is a lot of talent on show.

"We have been a few times. We are lucky enough that we have a good batch of lads every key stage and every year we do qualify for it, but it is important for them to come here, to meet new people and new schools.

"It is a confidence thing as well, we all want to win but just for them to take part and see the smiles on their faces is second to none."

It was a good showing for Sandwell at the games – who among other notable victories saw Bristnall Hall take the first place for football and Uplands Manor take the first place for golf.

But the overall award went back into the hands of the Wolverhampton students for the second year running – who won the multi skills category with St Andrews and rounders with Wolverhampton Girls High.

They won the Joel Richards Black Country Schools Games Festival Cup – which was renamed two years

ago to honour the former Wood Green Academy pupil after he lost his life in the Tunisia terror attack of 2015. Remembering the teenager is something that his former headteacher James Topham says is something the school wanted to do.

Mr Topham said: "Joel was a volunteer, he helped out at these games, he did thousands and thousands of hours of volunteering for sports, he was a real ambassador for sport.

"He absolutely loved this event. The tragic circumstances in Tunisia where he lost his life, as a school because Joel was a former pupil of Wood Green Academy, we wanted to do something to remember him.

"At that time I was chair of the local organising committee and as Joel had done so much for the Black Country in terms of sport, we wanted to be able to remember him.

"We decided on the Joel Richards Trophy, which we never had before, and also having Smile For Joel as the official charity of the games.

"I'm really pleased they are taking this charity on board. Joel was selfless, he would actively go out of his way to help people, not just in the games but as a football referee.

"Had he not lost his life in that terrorist attack, no doubt he would still be giving back to his community. We have lost that, and I hope that having him remembered and his life inspires other young people to get involved."



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Future looking bright for Beacon League

THE future for one local football league looks bright after it announced an increase in club membership for the forthcoming campaign, writes Dave McLean.

Not only have the Beacon Sunday Football League (BSFL) accepted five new teams so far – it is still not too late to join the ranks – the afternoon set-up have confirmed the introduction of a new match-day initiative.

From the start of the new league season on September 2, member clubs have adopted the use of roll-on/roll-off substitutions for all competitions. Under the new rule, teams will be allowed to name five substitutes and use them at anytime in a game.

In another new move the BSFL will kick off the season with two separate sections. Two titles will be up for grabs, firstly in the established Beacon Championship, the other in a new Development division, ideal for newly-formed teams and those just entering 'open age' football. It is also hoped to introduce a new over-30s Seniors section.

Trampolining event is set to tumble in

THE 2018 Trampoline, Tumbling & DMT British Championships springs into action at Arena Birmingham in September. This year the gymnasts gained 13 major medals in the recent European Championships.

Spectators could witness the return of history-making trampolining Olympic Silver Medallist Bryony Page on home soil, as she takes on stiff competition from world team bronze medallists Laura Gallagher and Kat Driscoll.

Nathan Bailey and Luke Strong will go head to head for the men's senior trampoline crown during the event on September 22 and 23. The senior tumbling teams led by 2018 European champion Lucie Colebeck, and her teammates Yasmin Taite, Kristof Willerton, Greg Townley and Elliott Browne will show off their power and skill.

DMT gymnasts will bring their explosive power and high-flying stunts in a bid for the British titles. The newly-crowned Junior European team champions and individual senior gold medallist Kirsty Way will be looking to edge out the competition.

Memorial match for ex academy coach JP

FORMER Wolves academy coach John Perkins is to be honoured with a special memorial game tomorrow (Friday).

Perkins (aka JP) worked at Molineux from 2000-2009 as assistant academy manager and under-18s coach and was in charge when Wolves' talented youngsters reached the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup in 2005.

Wolves U23s will play at Hincley's Leicester Road FC (who play in the Midland Football League), kick off 7.30pm for The John Perkins Memorial Trophy. The match has been organised by Leicester Road FC manager Neil Lyne, who as a young semi-pro player with Leicester United also signed for Nottingham Forest with John Perkins in 1989 (when Brian Clough first recognised JP's unique coaching talents) and remained a very close friend.

JP died in October 2016, aged 69, following a short illness and at the time was senior academy coach at (then) Premiership Stoke City FC.

Wolves sporting director Kevin Thelwell explains: "John was a huge part of the development plan we had here at Wolves."



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Rivals set to meet in first stage of cup

SPORTING KHALSA have been drawn against Black Country rivals Tividale in the FA Cup extra preliminary round, while Walsall Wood are heading to Worcester City.

The draw for the first stage of the competition was made on Friday, with ties set to take place on Saturday, August 11.

Prize money has been doubled across all rounds from last year, with extra preliminary round winners receiving £2,250 and losers £750.

Draws for the preliminary round of the FA Cup, extra preliminary round of the FA Trophy, and first and second qualifying rounds of the FA Vase have also been made.

Our teams' ties can be found below –
FA Cup extra preliminary round (Saturday, August 11): Walsall Wood v Worcester City, Highgate United v AFC Wulfrunians, Stourport Swifts v Shawbury United, Wednesfield v Rotherham, Haughmond v Wolverhampton Sporting, Sporting Khalsa v Tividale.
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Legend Hibbitt in book launch

WOLVES legend and former Walsall boss Kenny Hibbitt will be promoting his new book with signings at a number of venues over the next week.

Seasons of My Life, with Tim Nash, will be launched at WV1 Bar, Wolverhampton, between 11am and 2pm on Saturday, with special guests.

Further free signings take place at Bar Sport, Cannock on Monday, at the Cleveland Arms, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday and at the Chestnut Tree, Finchfield, on Thursday, all from 8-10pm, and on Saturday, July 21 in the Mander Centre from 11am to 2pm. All signings feature a question and answer session.

Anyone unable to attend but who would like a book, can contact Tim Nash on 07714 741097, via Twitter, @TimNash_1 or email tim_j_nash@hotmail.co.uk

Walsall batting crumbles at Ombersley

WALSALL suffered a crushing 122-defeat at Ombersley in the Birmingham League Premier Division. The Worcestershire side made slow progress, at first, but Gareth Andrew (75 not out) and Joshua Dell (65) saw them to 234-4.

After a promising start, where they reached 42-1, Walsall's remaining wickets fell at regular intervals to Andrew (4-21) and Josh Haynes (4-52) and they crumbled to 112 all out. In Division Two, Streetly lifted themselves off the bottom with an eight-wicket win at home to Pershore.

The visitors recovered from 123-8 to reach 199 all out. Then a superb unbeaten century from Imran Qadir eased Streetly to victory.

A terrific all-round display from Todd Henderson inspired Pelsall to a convincing 168 run win at Whitchurch in division three. Henderson cracked 50 in a total of 246 all out with Simon Dimelow taking 4-47 for the home side. Henderson (5-33) and his opening partner Jonathan Moore (3-34) dispatched a flimsy Whitchurch line-up, all out for 78 in 17 overs.

Gurdev Singh hit an unbeaten 170 in Walsall YFP's Staffs Clubs victory over Wednesbury Seconds.

Walsall totalled 399-6, with Naweid Younis (94) and Yasir Mohammed (50) also contributing. Despite a 100 from Abdul Salom, Wednesbury ended on 283.

Bloxwich went down by 46 runs to Whittington. Daniel Wilks hit 110 in the same number of balls in Whittington's 257-6. Aaron Alcock hit 64 in reply, but Bloxwich were bowled out for 211.

Zeli: My best football was at Saddlers

ZELI ISMAIL believes he played some of the best football of his career in his first spell at Walsall.

The 24-year-old became a fans favourite at the Banks's Stadium after impressing during a six-month loan stint with the club last season.

Now he is back with the Saddlers after putting pen to paper on a one-year deal which includes the option of a further 12 months.

But while supporters were delighted to see him return, Ismail isn't taking his place in the side for granted ahead of the new campaign.

"My first spell here was some of the best football I have played in my career," the winger said.

"I had a great connection with Erhun (Oztumer). Unfortunately he is not here anymore. But Walsall are a team that likes to play and keep the ball on the ground which suits me.

"I've been impressed by the boss (Dean Keates) and his philosophy and mentality.

"And I know the first target for me is to break into the team. We have got some good players and there is competition for places so I need to battle for a starting spot."

Ismail played on the wing for Walsall last season but was sometimes used as a striker by Bury.

But he believes wide on the right is his best position. It depends what the gaffer wants – but I do prefer being on the right wing," he added.

Keates to look at mystery striker

DEAN KEATES says Walsall will take an extended look at a mystery striker after he netted in their friendly defeat to Rushall Olympic. The forward, who is rumoured to be from Cyprus, struck in the second half as the Saddlers lost 2-1 at Dales Lane last night.

The mystery man was previously at the academy of a Premier League club but returned home to study for a degree. Now, though, he is determined to grab a second chance of becoming a professional footballer.

"I can tell you a lot about him but I'm not going to," joked Keates. "He has come in and been with us for a week."

DEFENCE WILL BE DUNN, VOW

GOALKEEPER Chris Dunn believes Walsall will be defensively strong next season under the stewardship of boss Dean Keates.

The glovesman was part of the Wrexham side that registered a club record amount of clean sheets while Keates was in charge of the Welsh side last season.

Dunn was between the posts for 16 of the 22 shut-outs for the Dragons registered in their 2017/18 league campaign.

And after joining forces with Keates again at the Banks's, he says there is no reason the Saddlers can't be as defensively sound.

"Of course it can be repeated here," the 30-year-old said.

"It was the way we set up at Wrexham that made us so strong defensively. We were solid, had a bit of experience and sometimes it just clicks.

"It's momentum as well in football – you get a few clean sheets and they seem to follow one after another. Obviously Walsall is a step up and it's a tough level – really competitive. It'll be harder but it'll be a good challenge for everyone."

Dunn will compete with Liam Roberts for the number jersey next season. And he admits he's already enjoying working with the 23-year-old.

"Liam came in last year, did well and made the number one his own," Dunn continued.

"He's a fairly young lad but he's got a bright future ahead of him. We've worked together in training and we're both working off each other. I think it'll be good competition."

Alongside Dunn and Keates, goalkeeping coach Michael Oakes has also made the switch from Wrexham to Walsall.

Strike shows hope for Walsall



Josh Ginnelly in action during a testing match which saw Rushall create better chances

A MYSTERY striker was on target for Walsall as they kicked off pre-season with a 2-1 loss at Rushall Olympic.

The forward, who is thought to be Cypriot, fired in from 25-yards to pull the Saddlers level after they fell behind to a Justin Richards goal.

Walsall had two trialists in the game with former Wrexham youngster Ollie Marx playing over an hour in central defence.

Dean Keates made a host of changes at half-time and throughout the match. But while the Saddlers improved after the break, the Pies were worthy of their victory. The friendly – which Keates helped to arrange – saw Walsall donate all their gate receipts to the Southern League Premier Central side after they were

targeted by thieves back in June. For Walsall, Zeli Ismail and George Dobson looked lively along with young right-back Luke Little who was making his first appearance for the senior side. Rushall took the lead just before half-time when Richards poked home after good work in the box from Yusuf Ceasay.

With 20 minutes remaining the Saddlers got themselves on level terms when their trialist striker brushed off a challenge before firing in a low effort from 25-yards which Slinn really should have stopped.

It was the hosts who went on to grab the win though with Nicky Devlin firing into his own net in the closing stages after a dangerous Singh cross.



Goalie – Chris Dunn

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